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Stretham Chronicle and Scrapbook

-o-o-1700s-o-o-

whole of rectory remodelled, western end of original 14th century range demolished & building extended south with eastward projecting wings & great deal of refenestration [SB56]

1700c

building : 14 Read St – listed [SB16]

1703

Walter Walker jun & died without issue before 1703 [VCH p154]

1715

Thomas King gives 11 acres to churchwardens for use of poor, Upton Fine land [VCH p159 SN49]

1716

charity founded by Martha Digby – but see 1727 [SN49 SN169 SB22]

1725

congregation of Baptists under Mr Clark met but ceased to be organised body after his death c1725 [VCH p158]

1727

new church bell [VCH p157]

1727

Lady Effingham Howard bequeaths to charity [VCH p159]; notes on the Effinghams & land [SB33p15]

Martha Digby's will gives land to poor [VCH p159]; deeds [SN49]

1728

Charles Thomas rector, described by Cole as “a man of parts, but of an odd and whimsical disposition” – died 1771 & will contained complicated instructions about his burial [VCH p152]

1735 table of benefactors over altar put up by Mr Thomas, rector 1727, his tombstone on S side aisle [Stitt p9 SB18]

1741

Waterbeach Level Act passed; sets up internal drainage commissioners [SB31]

1748

William Cole visits Stretham & compiles detailed notes on history – see appendix

1754c

Bishop Mawson was first to make a road practical for wheeled carriages from Ely to Cambridge. He procured much of the gravel from Barton Hill, Ely [Stitt p12]

-o-o- 1758 -o-o-

“Mr Walker’s estate” purchased by Earl of Hardwicke for £500 [VCH p154 SN164 SN163]

1758 03 11

sale estate of John Walker ...four messuages, ferry house at Stretham ferry with fishery, land Ips Jnl [NPP]

1759

Gould at Manor till - 1761 [SN164]

1760

will John Walker [SN166]

1760c itinerant Baptist preachers held meetings in a barn and later disused malthouse [VCH p158]

1763

Stretham ferry stopped in consequence Act of Parliament & bridge built instead; road began to supplant the Aldreth road towards end of C17. In 1763 task of bringing it up to contemporary standards begun with gift of £200 from Alderman Riste of Cambridge and completed some 20 years later at cost of upwards of £7,000 (minute books to 1822 are at CRO & draft 1845-52) [VCH p151 SB72]

1766

new church bell [VCH p157]

another Waterbeach Level drainage act; considerable part of common near a bridge that has lately been built is frequently overflowed; 1st meeting at Chequers; Clay Pits to pass to Commissioners & to be sold to fund work; Charles Gould to build bridge at or near present ford; penalties if any destroy works [SB31 SB61 SN163]

1767

sale by auction, Ferry house [SN153]

Wm Read purchases Ho [SN153]

1769

Wm Cole describes floods around Waterbeach parish [SB31]

1770s

buildings : Oakley House; Plantation Gate house; initials W.R.E. & M.R.; 1 Pump Lane – listed; central portion rectory altered with new windows [SB16]

1770 04 28

mealman death of Mr Dymock, wealthy mealman 28 Apr p3

1771 05 25

serious fire: fire at malting house belonging Mr Lowe, farmer; destroyed malting office, farmhouses belonging Mr Lowe, Mrs Custance, Mr Morton, Mr Murfitt with barns, outhouses etc. together with a foal, calves and hogs. 25 May p3

1772 11 28

eagle shot: Mr Merry, a fowler shot in eagle of a very large size at Stretham Ferry; the previous winter he killed a crane, once very plentiful but not heard of for several years 28 Nov. p3

Mr Merry, wildfowler, a truly scientific conductor of this kind of sporting; his knowledge of the haunts was most precise, his navigation of his punt, judgement and assiduity were alike conspicuous; frequently while shooting parties with other guides were wearying themselves with towing ... all the birds were disturbed, Old Merry was steering his punt silently to the scene of the action; and in the fogs which are so thick as to exclude objects at the smallest distance, or in the dark, he was equally collected. As a marksman he was extraordinarily expert; with a gun upwards of six feet in the barrel, and that placed on the stocks by the village carpenter, and altogether of a weight which nothing but a most powerful arm could extend and elevate, would kill a snipe flying ... Old Merry had not been much troubled with education, rude as the country in which his occupation lay... had innate civility ... fund of anecdotes .. dog ... [SB1]

1773 08 28

William Read: a considerable farmer, died in the prime of life 28 Aug. p2

1774 03 19

woman whipped: Mary Prewill was committed to Ely bridewell for 14 days for false reeling, she was also sentenced to be whipped 19 Mar p2

William, 5th Baron Byron of Rochdale (poet Byron was member of this family) sold part of Manor to Sir Charles Gould who inherited the other moiety which had passed through the Hampson & Harbord families. He took the name Morgan on elevation to baronetcy & Stretham portion of his estates, 1,213 of the 4,085 acres in the parish eventually devolved upon G.G. Morgan, sometime MP for Brecon (died 1845). Sir Charles Morgan occasionally lived in Plantation House, formerly a seat of the Harbords [VCH Stitt p5 SN164]

1775

by now three drainage mills erected – Upper, Gate & Dowload or Dollar [SB47]

1775 05 27

death wife Joseph Read, much lamented p2

1776 10 26

Samuel Granger, an eminent farmer, dies 26 Oct. p2

1777

C.N. Cole report on South Level : “a mill is placed which throws water out of Waterbeach Level into the West River; anciently there was a natural drain for the waters of this Level and a sluice was placed to prevent the river waters in times of flood from flowing up into the country. Though that fen lays by the side of the Grant the state of the Level was such that this river was its drain. Stretham Common Fen Mill is situated above this and discharges the water off that common into the West River. The Act for draining the commons is one of the few District Acts that have answered the end proposed & commons are increased one fourth in their value. Above this stands the Meer Mill; the discharge from it into this river is almost lost ... stands where anciently a drain came from Stretham Mere into the river. A fair bridge hath been built over the West River by Sir Charles Gould. It is one among many instances of his public spirit & maintains a communication between Stretham Mow Fen & Stretham Feeding Commons & prevents the michiefs that often happened from driving the stock and conveying the produce of the land across the river. It was in this place, Base Lake, Roman road leaving Denny Abbey to the west passed over the Ouse. Dr Stukely traced it through the morass on both sides the river and late Mr Duntborne did the same. At what time this road was deserted is not known, but when ever it was the owner of the ferry, where Mr Stanley’s Ferry-House now stands, removed the ferry to that, where it hath continued ever since until it was taken away ... by Turnpike. Includes survey of river [SB58]

1777 02 15

marriage Thomas Grange to Mrs Granger, dau late Samuel G p2

1779 02 20

workhouse: an advertisement appears for a man and wife, without children to farm the poor of the workhouse; applicants were to apply to the parish officers; the same advertisement also served to sell about 400 bushels of very good pigeon dung enquire of Jos Read 20 Feb. p3

1779 05 08

Faculty granted to take down Sandys chapel formerly used as a school house and sometimes as a burial place which out of repair and taking down porch at south door and filling up arches on the north side and at the end of the north aisle – ERDM, Dec 1909 [SB41]

1779 11 27

lost filly brown filly lost from Stretham common. it was 3 years old and stood 14½ hands, reward

1779 12 18

another death: Edward Grainger, principal farmer died 18 Dec. p3

church repaired; in uppermost parts of East window were several escalot shells; Sandys chapel still there though most of armorial bearing were lost; was table of benefactions. On May 8th 1779 a faculty was granted to the rector and churchwardens to pull down “a building formerly used as a School house and sometime as a burial place adjoining the north side of the chancel, which includes one arch of the aisle” and to throw the ground into the churchyard. This was done and the monuments perished – See *Faculty Books* vol.1, p107 [VCH p156 Stitt p9 SB41 SN163]

1780c **building** : barn rear 13 & 15 High St, initials T.A. listed [SB16]

1783 12 13

Saturday morning house Mr Marriott, butcher, broken into & robbed of upwards of £40 cash and bills & other valuable effects. On Sunday night John Tripple, Thomas Plant & John Middop apprehended at Bedford for above burglary & to Bedford gaol.

1784 04 03

John Tipler, Thomas Plant & Wm Corby condemned for breaking into house Marriott and stealing silver watch, gold ring, silver spoons & silver buckles. They were taken at Bedford and brought to Ely p3

1784 10 02

Rector dies: Revd. D.V. Brown, master of Pembroke College, Cambridge and rector of Stretham was found dead in his bed. 2 Oct. p3

1785 01 27

Prosecution of felons: four local men, including Rev. J. Swaine, subscribed to the Hundred of Ely Association for the, Prosecution of All Kinds of Felony 27 Jan. p2

1785 12 17

J. Feast, shopkeeper of Stretham not completed purchase from Thos Kitchener estate Lakenheath, if not will be resold & he sued

1786

death of Joseph Read, leaves Orchard House to 4-year-old son William Sayers Read [SN50]

1786 02 18

women convicted: Elizabeth Howard was convicted of false reeling and fined 8/-, Mary Lockaby and Elizabeth Thorn suffered, the same penalty 18 Feb. p3 29 Apr p.3, 4 Nov p3

1786 04 08

lost red pointer bitch; bring to Wm Finch, Lt Shelford or Swaine, Stretham, reward p2

1786 04 29

Mary Lockeby convicted reeling short yard p3

1786 09 10

debtors Elizabeth Morden farmer, deceased, to pay Richard Harrison, contact him if debts owing p2

1786 11 04

Elizabeth Thorn convicted under worstead act p3

1787 01 27

Edward Dymock, Thomas Granger, Richard Harrison, Rev J. Swaine subscribe Association Prosecution Felons, p2

1787 11 24

Mr Harrison auctioneer at Stretham p4

1788 01 05

Poaching: a notice was issued promising a reward for information leading to the conviction of poachers; Plantation Close, 100 Acres and Churchyard Close were reserves to supply other parts of the manor with game. 5 Jan. p3

1788 06 28

Turnpike Tolls: the right to take tolls at Stretham Ferry turnpike gate were to let; tolls were taken for horses, carriages, foot passengers etc. every time they passed through the gate 28 June. p3

1789

was private school in village [VCH p158]

1791 07 16

dangerous driving: a farm labourer was convicted for riding in the cart without anybody leading the cart horse, 16 Jul p3

1791 07 22

two more villagers paid the penalty the next week for the same offence; they rode in their carts which bumped against another vehicle of Mr Hanchet of Braham and overturned it, several hurt. The magistrates were concerned that many such incidents were happening and have decided to crack down. . 22 Jul. p3

1791 08 06

tolls Stretham bridge to let £202, p2

1791 10 29

sale 40 a cole seed in fen, apply Aaron Dewey, p4

1792 10 06

Land for sale: 14 acres held by William Paul were sold by auction at the Chequers. 6 Oct p3

1792 11 03

sale 6 lots land occ Wm Merry, pasture with dovehouse Thetford, land, land Braham Field, arable occupied Wm Paul, p2

1793 02 02

Edward Dimock, John Dimock, Thos Granger, Rich Harrison, Jos Read, Mrs Read, Rev J. Swaine subs Association Prosecution felons, p1

1793 09 04

5 goose feather beds: the house and effects of the late Mrs Eleanor Walker were auctioned; it comprised a well built convenient dwelling house, with outhouses, yard etc; her furniture included 5 goose feather beds, mahogany tables, large glasses, drawers, brewhouse, furniture etc. 21 Sept. p3

1793 09 21

sale by executors Eleanor Walker: dwelling house, furniture Ch [cutt]

1793 12 21

London waggon: John Feast ran a waggon from Sutton to Ely and Cambridge and thence to London; he set out from Sutton on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock and arrived in London on Thursday morning about 4 a.m, returning 7 hours later. He would collect and deliver goods along his route, which included Stretham 21 Dec p3 [cut]

1794

Vancouver report on agriculture : East of village 100 acres enclosed pastures, soil deep black mould, lying upon gault & rented at 20/- an acre. The village on south is bounded by fen. West & adjoining town are two open common fields, the soil of which generally resembles that of pastures described; contain about 400 acres, rented at 10/- acres. Skirty land, common included amounts to 200 acres & about 600 acres of fen land. Fen is remarkably good quality but reduced to small value by very defective state of drainage. The open field land is kept very well drained by a wise regulation of appointing fen reeves who have the authority to order any drain to be opened and the expense of those to whom they belong. Ash and elm flourish extremely well, and were the intermixed property laid together, this timber would be very generally cultivated. Under the present circumstances of this district, and from a rotation of three crops before a fallow, the general produce upon the highland is 24 bushels of wheat weighing 50lb per bushel, 28 bushels barley weighing 56lb bush, 20 bushel peas and beans per acre. There are 122 houses, 150 families & 750 inhabitants, where poor's rates amount to two shillings in the pound

1794 08 02

tolls Stretham bridge let £202.10s, p1

1795

Green End area flooded; drainage mills in poor state [SB]

1795 02 14

threatening letter: somebody put a letter under the shop door of Edward Dimock, miller, to say that if he raised his prices his mill would be burned or pulled down. This caused particular distress as Edward always kept his prices well below others in this area. A reward of 20 guineas was offered.

14 Feb. p2

1795 03 14

dispensation allow Rev J. Swaine to hold rectory Lt Shelford & Stretham, appointed domestic chaplain to countess of Mansfield p3

1795 08 19

Ely boy riding in Stretham field, field-keeper struck horse with his gun, gun went off & boy shot in back, died,

1796 12 17

military training: Stretham men joined the militia assembling in Ely for 20 days training. 17 Dec p3

1797

Waterbeach level drainage act [SB31]

1797 04 25

pub to let: the old and well established pub at Stretham Ferry was advertised to be let; none need apply unless they could raise £150-£200 and understood fen shooting and fishing. 15 Apr p3

1797 07 29

toll bars and toll, houses were to be erected on the river bank between Harrimere and Stretham Ferry. 29 Jul. p2

1797 07 29

tolls Stretham ferry gate £203, p2

1797 11 11

cottage and land occupied by Benjamin Pope were sold. 11 Nov. p,3

1798

were two schools, one for infants by John Sabbatin, a dissenter with a harmless reputation and one for older children under Robert Hopkins a churchman of fair and inoffensive character [VCH p158]

1798 04 14

mill for sale: the drainage mill near Stretham bridge called 'Ferry Mill' was for sale, it was described as being suitable for conveying to the Cam 14 Apr. p2

1798 11 24

greyhound lost by Mr Brown of The Chequers 24 Nov. p.2

1798 05 18

death John Read, p3

1799

Baptist chapel galleries erected

1799 05 18

Rectory land part of the rectory glebe land was for sale, including 2 roods in Bull Lane 18 May p.4

1799 06 15

sale stock Mr Brown, p4

1799 08 17

sale desirable farm & cottage, outbuildings, 80a arable & pasture land in Thetford, occ Yarrow, p2

1799 08 31

sale under commissioners land tax, glebe land 8a in Stretham fen, 8a in fields, occ J & Wm Green, p2

1799 11 09

Ventriloquist: a London man begged a lift in the coach carrying Lee Sugg, a well-known ventriloquist, to Ely. As they passed through Stretham a number of children who were playing in the street ran around the coach, some climbing on it as it passed. Then cries of "stop the coach" were heard from a 7-year old voice coming from underneath the vehicle and the cries continued as they left the village. The Londoner pleaded but Sugg refused to stop the coach - they were wrong to climb on the coach and it will teach them a lesson. However his companion insisted and as soon as they stopped jumped down and looked below the coach - there was nothing to be seen. He then realised his ventriloquist host had tricked him 9 Nov. p3

1802 01 09

Rector dies: John Swaine died after a short illness; his stock and furniture were sold 9 Jan. p2, 16 Jan p3

1803 02 12

marriage 2nd daughter J. Swaine, rector, p3

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1803 06 04

To let: a neat dwelling house with dovehouse was to let 4 Jun p3

1803 08 13

Application was made for a Turnpike road from Stretham to Haddenham and Witcham 13 Aug.pl
Dairyman retires: Richard Seamer retired from his farming and dairy business, his stock was sold 13 Aug. p1

1803 08 13

sale stock Richard Semer who declines farming & dairy business, p1

1803 10 29

Crown pub, with yard, barns, stables & dovehouse, was sold 29 Oct. p3

1803 12 10

Stretham Ferry turnpike gate produced £167.10 pa, p3

1804 04 21

d Mrs Thompson, 72, p3

1804 04 221

Military service: the United Volunteers of Ely, S and Haddenham agreed to do 2-3 weeks permanent duty 21 Apr.p3

1805

Arthur Young report states Waterbeach level agriculture, doubts profitable to enclose open fen because banks so poor [SB31]

1806 04 26

Thos Granger marries Mary Waddelow of Littleport, p3

1806 12 13

tolls Stretham ferry turnpike £168, p2

1807 02 28

marriage Wm Hall, Landbeach to Miss Granger, sister Thomas Grainger, p3

1807 09 12

Ass lost: William Clarke lost his ass, stolen or strayed 12 Sep. p3

1807 10 17

Gingerbread: Thomas Granger from Cottenham, assaulted Richard Taylor and stole gingerbread valued 30/-; he was fined 1/-; Alan Lee, Edward Jennings, John Norman imprisoned 1 month 24 Oct. p3

-o-o- 1808 -o-o-

1808 01 02

death at mother's house, S., Mrs Hall, 20, daughter late Thos granger, p3

1808 02 10

sale Royal Oak & other pubs [NPP]

1808 06 11

Schoolmaster: the death was reported of Robert Hopkins, schoolmaster, aged 32 11 Jun. p3

1808 07 16

Rector's wife: the death of the wife of Rev Dr Morgan deprived the village of a liberal benefactor to the poor 16 Jul. p3

-o-o-1809-o-o-

1809

Waterbeach Level committee examine state of Level [SB31]

1809 12 03

Horses stolen from the village were found one week later in a stable for stolen horses in London 3 Dec. & 10 Dec. p3

1809 03 04

Thieves transported: the horse thieves were moved from Newgate to Ely where they were sentenced to death; a month later they were reprieved and taken back to London for transportation for life 25 Feb., 4 Mar. & 8 Apr. p3

1809 07 15

Wm Barton absent Ely battalion Isle Ely Regiment militia, p1

1809 07 29

Seamer v Jackson occ 3 roods land at Stretham as tenant to Mrs Custance, she died; Jackson of Haddenham acquired land & cut down crop barley, p3

1809 11 11

sale farm near Stretham bridge, 164a fen land, large barn, p3

1810 04 06

Weighing machine: tenders were sought for the erection of a weighing machine at the Ferry. 6 Apr. p2.

1810 07 13

Edward Dimock died, much respected 13 Jul. p3

1810 09 28

marriage John Williams of Swavesey to Mgt Jackson, Hill Row, p3

1810 11 09

sale message Thomas Pitchfords, p3

1810 11 30

Journeyman miller: Francis Langford, Red Lion, advertised for a journeyman miller to take charge of a post windmill 30 Nov. p2

1811 06 21

Journeyman blacksmiths: John Dring required two 21 Jun. p3

1811 08 23

Francis Langford requires journeyman to take charge of post mill, 3

1812

invoice for flour ground at Camps White Mill & sold in village shop; also invoices for grocery bought wholesale and sold by Joseph Howlett at Stretham [SB33p25]

1812 01 17

Rector dies: Rev Caesar Morgan died, his furniture was sold 17 Jan. p3, 7 Feb pl

1812 01 24

sale 8 acres, p3

1812 01 31

Apprentice: Francis Langford, Red Lion, wanted to put a youth as apprentice carpenter, joiner or coachmaker 31 Jan. p3

1812 05 08

marriage daughter of Rev J. Swaine, rector, p3

1812 06 19

sale 40 acres grazing land at King Charles, Stretham bridge, p3

1812 11 13

tolls Stretham bridge £188.10, p2

1813

Waterbeach Level act increase taxes [SB31]

1813 01 29

John Dring requires journeyman blacksmith, p3

1813 05 21

£40.00 will be given to any young man 18-25 years to serve in the second Regiment of Scotch Greys, apply John Dimmock. CDN

1813 06 18

John Read is collector of Waterbeach Level Taxes. Ch.

1813 10 08

Property: 13 lots of houses and land were sold 8 Oct. p1 [cutt]

1813 10 08

Bedlam's Yard: the Governors of the poor of Ely sold estates and lands, including Bedlam's Yard, cottages etc. 8 Oct p1 [cutt]

1814

Wesley chapel built by public subscription [VCH p158] deeds [SN58]
second drainage mill erected near Dowload mill [SB31]

1814 02 18

Samuel Wright's house was sold 18 Feb p2

1814 03 18

sale stock Mrs Green, p2

1814 04 29

Joseph Read sold his well-known dairy of 60 cows, 2 Apr p3

1814 08 05

Waterbeach level meet at Chequers

1814 09 16

sale Joseph Read and later 100 ewes;

1814 12 02

sale holt & rights fishery, p3

1815 01 13

death Joseph Read, aged 63 p3

1815 02 24

marriage Alice, eldest dau Francis Langford, p3

1815 04 14

Elizabeth Green assigns personal estates (ex furniture) to Thos Granger & Francis Langford farmer for benefit creditors, p3

1815 04 21

Elizabeth Green sold her stock and effects 21 Apr p3

1815 05 05

sale stock late Jos Read, p3

Lynn Union coach driver convicted for not giving way for a gig which he met on the bank between Stretham Ferry and Denny Gate. Ch

1815 07 14

sale crops Elizabeth Green, p2

1815 12 08

tolls Stretham bridge £270, p3

1815 12 29

Widow Greene creditors to apply. Ch

1816 01 05

creditors Widow Green to apply, p1

1816 02 16

Isle of Ely rates, £128.1.10 p3

1816 06 12

sale stock Jos Read, p3

1816 09 20

Classical education: Rev James Heckford opened, a school for 6-8 sons of gentlemen; he would give them a classical education for 30 guineas a year with an additional 2 guineas entrance fee 20 Sep p3

1816 10 25

Apprentice absconds: John Wheeler, shoemaker, found his apprentice had run-off 25 Oct p2

1816 12 13

sale mess occ J. Graves & eight acres, p3

1817 01 10

Horse-breaker: John Dimock jun., late of the Royal North British Dragoons undertook to break-in young horses 10 Jan p3 [cutt]

1817 03 07

Sale messuage lying near the Common containing four low rooms with chambers above, butchers shop, lodges and three acres occupied Wm Murfitt. CH

1817 03 14

Butcher's shop was for sale 14 Mar p2

1817 07 25

other sales: messuage occupied by John Graves with its 13 acres, 27 Jun p3; 11 acres of marsh land near the Ferry occupied by William Paul, 25 Jul p3

1818

Baptist chapel rebuilt [VCH p158] [Stitt p14]; old one taken down and new erected on former site; opened September ... list preachers [SB33p12]

1818 03 13

Edward Morden's stock was sold 13 Mar p3

1818 05 15

Sale farming stock Edward Morden. Ch

1818 06 12

Waterbeach Level taxes payable to J. Read at house, p1

1818 08 28

New rector: J.H. Sparke was appointed 28 Aug p2

1818 10 30

Marriage John Dimmock to Mrs Belcher of Stoke Newington in London

1819 01 08

Turnpike gate tolls were let at £296.10.0 8 Jan p2

1819 01 08

J Reads collects Waterbeach taxes, p3

1819 06 25

Dispensation allows Rev John Henry Spark to hold the Rectory of Cottenham together with Stretham. Ch

missing

18

Eloped Isaac B. eloped with a married woman 6 Aug p2

-o-o-1820-o-o-

BNA checked

1820 01 14

John Read collects Waterbeach Level taxes at his house

1820 01 21

son: John D. was charged with failing to maintain his son 21 Jan p3

1820 01 28

Sale of 16 acres of land. Ch

1820 03 10

Valuable property: the sale was held of a farm comprising excellent barn, stables for 6 horses and a blacksmiths shop and 60 acres of arable land; details were obtainable from Edward Morden & Edward Jackson. The paper comments "Property in Stretham is extremely valuable as to exceed even the puff of the auctioneer" 10 Mar p1

1820 06 30

Edward Morden sold 21 acres of crops near the Ferry 30 Jun & 14 Jul p3

1820 07 21

Duke of Sussex passed through the village en route from Cambridge to Ely; he had cause to remember Stretham as his coach was caught in a torrential downpour as he entered the village 21 Jul p3

1820 07 28

Wind millers could contact Francis Langford for detail of 4 good mill sails carrying upwards of 9 yards of cloth 51 feet wide with the leading board to the left 28 Jul p3

1820 10 20

William Blinch died, aged 79 20 Oct p3

1820 12 01

field names: another sale gives an interesting list of fieldnames: 5 arable fields in Long and Nettlebush furlong in Meadow Field, containing 2a.3r.2p.; 4 in Snoot and Meadow furlong, 2a.2r.33p.; 6 in Hanging furlong and furlong north of Mill Way 2a.1r.32p.; 4 in Goldmore corner of Berry Green furlong, 1a.1r.12p. and an inclosure of Adventurers ground 21a.2r.25p. Biddings were to be sent to Mr. Granger. 1 Dec p3

-o-o-1821-o-o-

BNA checked

1821 05 11

Lynn Nelson coach overturned on entrance to Stretham, some outside passengers severely injured, one dangerously ill, p3

1821 10 08*

Assizes: at the assizes there was an ejectment to recover possession of land 10 Aug. & 17 Aug p3

1821 11 16

Bankruptcy Wm Gotobed, butcher dealer and chapman. Ch

1821 11 30

Sale of stock carts ploughs etc of Wm Gotobed. Ch

-o-o- 1822 -o-o-

1822 01 11

tolls at Stretham bridge £342.10, p2

1822 05 10

fatal accident: an inquest was held into the death of John Money who was returning with a waggon from Cambridge and sitting on the shaft asleep when he was met by a gig on the part of the road called 'The Bank' about 1 mile from Stretham Bridge. The University man in the gig called for John to draw off but he did not hear; alarmed for his own safety the undergraduate whipped his horses to make them move so that he could pass; John fell off and both wheels of the waggon passed over his legs 10 May p3

1822 05 17

Mr. Kempton died aged 75 and 'much respected' 17 May p3

1822 06 21

William Gotobed[[SDI]], buther, bankrupt Ch 21 Jun 1822 [NPP]

1822 07 12

Land in Crouch Field occupied Ed. Jackson. Ch

1822 07 19

marriage Josiah Howlett, dissenting minister to Mary Kempton of Stretham, p3

1822 07 19

Distressed Irish: collection raised £3.18.0 19 Jul.p3

1822 07 26

creditors Wm Gotobed butcher & dealer, bankrupt, rec dividend 2.2d, p3

1822 08 23

sale messuage, farmyard, common right for 4 cows & 3 horses, occ William Paul, p3

1822 09 13

Game certificate was granted to William G. Read.13 Sep.p3

1822 10 11

Ten live geese (lately plucked) were brought to Stretham by two young men who had said they had bought them but then ran away. Owners should apply to Robert Murfitt. Ch

1822 11 29

sale mess, shop, lodge etc occ William Briggs Savage, p3

-o-o-1823-o-o-

nothing reported – search BNA

1823c **building** : Orchard House – listed [SB16]

1823 03 14

sale half common right land

1823 04 04

sale feed of 50 acres grass land near Ferry

1823 04 16

death Thomas Granger, 43, in a fit of apoplexy – Bury Post

1823 06 04

Death John Wheeler, shoemaker, 63 – Bury Post

1823 08 09

application Parliament for bill to repair road Cz to Ely and build a bridge across the Ouse at Stretham ferry

1823 09 26

insolvent debtor petition John Wheeler, late of Stretham, butcher & publican

1823 10 31

sale arable land occ Edward Jackson

-o-o-1824-o-o-

1824

rectory attics probably work of Rev J. Henry Sparke, rector [Stitt p13]

Rysleys charity, feofees as appointed – Sir Charles Morgan, G.G. Morgan, Rev. Sparke, John Reed, Edward Grainger, John Dimock sen etc [SB33p17]

1824 02 13

turnpike road from north corner of Short Lane to Wilburton, Haddenham etc to be kept in good order

1824 04 09

sale of land for the taxes & penalties in arrear, Stretham common, 26 acres Edward Jackson, tax & penalty £4.9.9. p1

1824 05 21

1824 06 04

sale 12 acres near Stretham bridge occ Wm Jackson, p3

1824 06 11

sale 45 acres grass Stretham bridge, Jackson & Morden's grounds, p3

1824 07 16

Wm Favell six months imprison & hard labour for passing Counterfeit shillings in the village 16 Jul
p3

1824 10 01

game list: Edward Granger, John Read jun, Wm read, p3

1824 10 22

robbery of great coat from Robert Wheeler whilst at Cambridge market, p4

-o-o-1825-o-o-

1825 01 28

Sale 11 acres near S. Ferry occupied Clark. Ch

1825 06 03

sale brick & tiled farmhouse, p3

1825 08 04 & 12

Woman killed by horse: William Morris aged 14 had been given the job of taking a horse from one side of the village to the other and he was galloping at about 1-5 mph, ignoring several calls for him to slow down. A crowd had gathered to watch a dog fight and William galloped through them. Ann, the wife of John Phillips stooped to rescue a child from his path and was struck by the horse, the boy stopped a few feet further on when his hat blew off. At the inquest he claimed the horse had bolted but many witnesses testified that he could have stopped if he had wished. The boy was found guilty of manslaughter 3 Jan. & 8 Aug. p3

1825 10 07

No reins: Langford Wright was fined 40/- for riding in a cart drawn by two horses with no reins, for refusing to give his name and address and for riding the cart again in front of the magistrate! 7 Oct.
p3

1825 12 16

lost: red heifer with white belly, horns rather turned in & dark muzzle, p3

-o-o- 1826 -o-o-

1826

William Edwards Read marries Mary Ann Granger [SN50]

1826

sale messuage well adapted for butcher or higler with slaughter house occ Mrs Wheeler

1826 01 20

tolls to let p2

1826 02 24

sale timber Plantation, p2

1826 03 10

sale tenement occ Mrs Wheeler, p3 [NPP]

1826 03 31

Edward Jackson accused stealing chaff from Wm Read, p3

1826 07 14
marriage Wm Read to Mary Granger, p2

1826 07 28
sale right of fishery in West River from Cottenham mill to first drove including island on which old ferry house stood near bridge, p3 [NPP]

1826 09 22
death Jonathan Pigott, 48 p3

1826 09 23
death Edward Granger, p3

-o-o-1827-o-o-

1827
Henry Hervey Baber appointed rector, came permanently on his retirement later; Baroness Burdett Coutts stayed at rectory, 'next to Victoria the most wonderful woman of the day' – Edward VI [SN55 SB33p19]

1827 04 06
sale land for taxes & penalties in arrears Bedford Level, Stretham common, Edward Jackson, p1

1827 05 11
sale parcel land with dilapidated cottage & right of common, p3

1827 07 20
found: country banker's cash note for £5, p1

1827 07 27
Rev Henry H. Baber, keeper of printed book at British Museum inducted rectory ...Rev Sparkes inducted Leverington – Standard 27 Jul 1827 [scan]

1827 09 14
sale 2 parcels land, one called Scott's ground, p3

1827 11 30
Stagecoach: in the thick fog of a November night the Enterprise stagecoach from Wisbech to London was approaching Stretham Ferry; so dense was the mist that neither coachman, guard nor passengers could see the road and in a narrow stretch the coach slowly slipped into a ditch. All escaped with bruises 30 Nov. p3

-o-o-1828* -o-o-

1828 02 08
Stretham Ferry tolls let, p1

1828 07 04
notice to creditors: J. Parish butcher, p2

1828 08 22
death Emma Granger, p3

1828 11 21
court case: Samuel Wright, debtor, p3

-o-o- 1829 -o-o-

1829 01 16

Stretham town tolls, p2

1829 03 20

turnpike gate: the members of the Cambridge to Ely Turnpike Trust met to consider taking down the turnpike gate at Stretham Ferry and moving it to a better position 20 Mar. p3

1829 03 27

New stagecoach: a new coach started from Upwell to Cambridge via Ely, it passed through Stretham 27 Mar. p2

1829 08 21

Drainage mill: Waterbeach Level Commissioners considered moving one of their drainage mills from Stretham into Waterbeach parish 21 Aug p3 & 3 Oct 1829 – [NPP]

1829 08 to 09

game certificates Thos Granger, W.E. Read & Henry Waddelow

1829 09 18

Rev. T.C.W. Seymour, sold his furniture, miscellaneous articles, his one-horse chaise, horses, harnesses, 2 stacks of hay and cellar of wines before his departure from the village 18 Sep. p3

1829 10 23

Miss R. Langford married Horatio Webb of London 23 Oct. p2

-o-o-1830-o-o-

1830 02 26

Lost & frozen: Thomas Haynes an occasional driver for Mr J. Goodbody of Ely lost his way between Stretham and, Ely when coming from London and was found frozen to death on Thetford common away from the beaten track 26 Feb. p3

1830 04 02

Benjamin Bates accused theft boatsprit at Stretham, p3

1830 04 09

property Isaac Brown, 3 months imprison, p4

1830 07 23

Stretham v Bourn re Thomas Fletcher, pauper, p4

1830 09 24

game certificates King Charles, T. Granger, W.E. Read

1830 10 01

marriage King Charles of Ferry to Hannah Dring, p2

1830 12 17

body snatchers from Ely seen passing over Stretham bridge with hampers, p2

-o-o-1831-o-o-*

building : Stretham engine house – listed [SB16]

building : Green Ways, Green End – listed [SB16]

1831c Calcraft the executioner takes Lynn Rover coach, having hanged agricultural labourer for incendiarism at Ely [SB33p34]

1831 02 11

Stretham ferry tolls let, p2

1831 03 18

death John Read, 83, p2

1831 03 25

John Read funeral, p3 [scan]

John Read, died aged 83, was followed to grave by four in their 80s – his widow, John Dimmock, Wingfield Hitch ... married 82 years and had eight children ... management Waterbeach level ... steward Charles Morgan [copy] scan

1831 04 01

meeting discuss widening and improving road from Stretham ferry to Denny point, p1

1831 04 29

marriage Wm Bultitaft, miller, p2

1831 05 03

John Read death - scan

1831 07 08

contract for building steam engine, p3

1831 11 25

Clement Negus affairs, boot & shoe maker, p2

1831 12 16

sale freehold ground belonging Edward Morden, p3

1831 12 30

sale farmhouse & 50 acres near Ferry Bridge, p3

-o-o-1832-o-o-

1832

engine finished / developments in drainage windmills; mere mill sale; E. Stanley supt. (till 1880) [CH SB31 SB47]

1832 01 13

Sale of a desirable small farm and 49 acres was held at the Royal Oak; Norris, Asplens, Bichenoe 13 Jan. p3

1832 01 26

turnpike tolls Stretham tolls, 3 years, p1

1832 02 03

sale timber Plantation Farm – details p3

1832 03 09

Turnpike trustees consider widening road in Chear Fen 9 Mar. p2 [cutt]

1832 05 25

sale stock sale W.E. Read, retiring

W.E. Read was retiring; he sold his extensive stock, including 31 cows, 17 horses, 200 ewes and lambs, tumbrels, harvest waggons, a portable 4hp threshing machine, 2 dressing machines, horse rakes 9 field and fen ploughs etc. 25 May p1;

1832 06 15

sale estates & mortgage securities Clement Negus' wife Mary – house containing 3 low rooms, 3 upper rooms, back kitchen, shop, room above, outbuildings occup Negus, land occup Wm Langford sen & Richard Taylor jun, mortgage security & land Hill Row p3

1832 07 13

Read crops: including 22a. of wheat in Mill Field and 2a. of barley in Meadow Field and 25 a. of beans in Berry Green Field 13 Jul. p2

1832 07 13

Transported: Samuel Coy was transported for 7 years for embezzling money from the Overseers of the Poor of Stretham 13 Jul. p2

1832 07 13

Watermill: sale of the watermill in excellent repair and the materials, of two others near Stretham Bridge, by direction of the Waterbeach Level Commissioners. The double-life mill was to be taken down; the Water wheels were 18 ft in diameter, the sails 38 feet long; it had been made 18 years before by the late Mr Willis of Stapleford at a cost of over £1,500 13 Jul. p3

1832 09 14

Reuben Bichenoe insolvent debtor, farmer, lately discharged Cambridge gaol, creditors to meet, p3

1832 10 12

new steam engine: the Commissioners invited anybody whose lands had been dug or cut or damaged for the purpose of building the new steam engine to submit their accounts for examination 12 Oct. p3

-o-o-1833-o-o-*

1833 11 15

notice concerning drainage & enclosing waste land, p1 [cutt]

1833 11 29

revolt at Lt. Thetford: in November notices appeared in the local press announcing the intention to apply for an Act of Parliament to enclose lands in Stretham and Lt. Thetford; part of the formalities involved pinning notices of this to the church doors of the villages concerned and the officials duly proceeded from Ely to Thetford to carry this out. However at Thetford they found a dozen men who opposed enclosure waiting for them, each armed with bludgeons, who prevented an official getting to the church door. They retired but saw the Ely magistrates who ordered 10 constables to accompany them and see the job done - 10 constables should be a match for 12 villagers. By the time they got to their destination they found not 12 but 150 protestors, all with sticks. Eventually the police withdrew, bruised; the villagers maintained watch until midnight. The next afternoon, being Sunday, the clergyman arrived to conduct the service, the watchers resisted – “No church today”; but the rector persisted and entered the church accompanied by his warden, one of the protesting crowd. 15 Nov. p1, 29 Nov. p3 [cutt]

1833 11 15

sale stock late Wm Wright, p1

1833 11 29

application for Inclosure Bill [cutt]

contemplated inclosure ... riot at Lt Thetford [cutt]

1833 12 08

incendrianists at March assizes, mentioned in Harper's Kings Lynn Road

-o-o-1834-o-o-*

William Edwards reads mortgages property, including Orchard House; borrows £5,000 from Edward Thompson

Wm Wright & family allowed to emigrate to America at expense parish [SN117]

Inclosure Act; George Gould Morgan, Lord, Rev Henry Hervey Baber rector, Wm Edwards Read, Thomas Waddelow Granger, Feofees of Parson's Charity, Feofees of Stretham, William Wright, William Blench, Thomas Archer named; Read Tansley Camps owns mill– [SB32].

1834 02 07

Reuben Bicheno, formerly of Stretham, farmer, late of Barnwell, higler, insolvent debtor

1834 03 28

Assizes: Robert Brigstock jun & Thomas Story accused incendiarism at March

1834 04 04

Robert Brigstock jun (19) & Thomas Story (19) charged setting fire stack Wm Vawser of March; sentenced death

1834 07 25

court case against carrier, p3: Coatman a carrier to Stretham when had dealings with Marsh & Swann; then accepted position under them to carry from Stretham and Haddenham to Cambridge, they finding horses and cart; they claimed £60

1834 10 17

storm damage at Mr Charles, Stretham bridge, p2

1834 12 12

Red Lion pub to let, p3

1834 12 12

blacksmith shop for sale occupation John Wesley, p3

-o-o-1835 -o-o-

Digby charity granted present allotment lands - rules [SN116]

1835 01 16

court: G. Cuttriss, J. Blayton, R. Lawrence charged stealing fowls, Cuttris transported 7 years, p1

1835 04 10

Thomas Pitchford guilty theft from Frances Russell, p3

1835 08 07

Enclosure: the Act received Royal Assent, was to be the usual commutation of tithes; fen land deemed one third arable, two thirds pasture. 7 Aug. p2

1835 08 07

Enclosure: a notice of meeting on 18th August at the Red Lion, to appoint a Banker and receive claims 7 Aug. p3

1835 08 07

Enclosure Act assent, usual commutation tithes, etc, appoint banker

1835 08 14

Roads: & letter urged that the road from the gates on the common to Stretham should be made straight, and also on the Ely side; it was claimed the expense would be redeemed by the savings on maintenance 14 Aug. p2

1835 08 21

Enclosure: meeting on 6th October to receive additional claims; people requiring less than two allotments were to apply in writing. They were also going to decide the parish boundaries. 21 Aug. p3

1835 09 18

Waterbeach Level taxes assessed, p3

1835 10 09

Lost votes. A letter from W.E. Read claimed that two electors had been persuaded to give up their right to vote by a Liberal Overseer to prevent them voting Tory. 9 Oct. p2

1835 10 16

Stretham Enclosure Act, p1

1835 10 16

William Claxton the Liberal registration agent wrote denying complicity in Read's claim 16 Oct. p2.

-o-o- 1836 -o-o-

schedule of houses belonging to Overseers [SN117]

1836 02 05

Inclosure: another meeting at the Lamb was to be held 5 Feb.p3

1836 02 19

inquest on James Wentworth, attorney of Cambridge, found in ditch by side road, Ely to Stretham, taken in wagon to public house, kept by Thos Granger or son-in-law Maurice Pilgrim who refused to take him in as he'd once had cholera victim and had lost money; driver took him 2 miles to Stretham which took one hour and man died; could have lived except for disgraceful conduct of publican. Jury expressed indignation on conduct Granger & Pilgrim, p2

1836 03 11

Enclosure: a list of private roads was given; i from Grunty Fen baulk; ii Mill Way; iii beside Old West River; iv Common gate to Old West; v Wrights Lane 11 Mar*

1836 03 11

Enclosure: they invited applications for the situation of allotments and for exchanges 11 Mar.p3

1836 03 25

John Dimock senior, died, aged 87, described as "highly esteemed and of the strictest integrity" 25 Mar, p2

1836 04 01

application relieving officer, Ely Union 2nd district including Stretham, p3

1836 05 06

sale stock Richard Taylor, p3

1836 06 03

Drainage: Waterbeach Level considered a proposal from the Commissioners of S Common to drain the common and 100 acres of fen farmed by G. Morgan using the steam engine and a tunnel cut under the West Water River 3 Jun, p3

1836 07 15

Enclosure: a meeting at the Lamb sought information about allotments and showed a plan 15 Jul-p3

1836 07 29

T.W. Granger lent money to James Tweedy, Cambridge dentist: action for recovery, p3

1836 07 29

W.E. Read's crops in several fields and including 30 acres of wheat, 40 acres of barley and 40 acres of beans were sold 29 Jul p3

1836 08 05

Enclosure: a meeting was called to receive objections to the allotments 5 Aug p3

1836 09 09

turnpike gate at S. Ferry was again considered for removal to a better site 9 Sep.p3

1836 09 16

Waterbeach Level meet, p3

1836 09 30

Enclosure: set out private carriage roads 30 Sep.p3

1836 10 08

sale mess First common Robt Hopkin, mess Cross Lane occ Thomas Graves & Wheeler, tenements Bents Lane occ Hatch, Wayman, Thorn; tenements first common occ Money; tenements first common ; land; farmhouse Berry Green occ Thos Frohock p3 CIP

1836 10 14

Enclosure: a sale before the Enclosure Commissioners of one of the rectorial allotments near S and of first quality could be cultivated as garden ground and to be fenced. 14 Oct.pl

1836 10 14

Enclosure: commissioners invited contracts for public fencing 14 Oct.p3

1836 10 14

saze grazing ground, first common, p1

1836 10 22

marriage Anne eldest daughter Mr Langford, farmer, p6

1836 11 18

death Ann, relict Thomas Waddelow of Littleport at Orchard House, 76, p2

1836 11 25

New farm house: contracts were invited for the erection of a farm house, barn, stables etc. near S Ferry belonging to Ely Poors Land 25 Nov p3

1836 12 16

Chear Fen land was for sale at the Plough public house, Ely road 16 Dec p3

1836 12 30

"fences done": sale of an allotment in Chear Fen belonging Mr Wheeler, comprising 11 acres and 20 poles, also Wash Land over the road held at the Plough public house. Fences were done, gates hung and Commissioners rates paid 30 Dec p3

1836 12 30

Trees: sale of 150 lots of oak, ash, elm, and other trees belonging to G.G. Morgan and W.E. Read, to be taken down by the purchasers; to meet at the Marquis of Granby pub in Short Lane 30 Dec p3

-o-o- 1837 -o-o-

H.H. Baber resigns as Keeper Books BM to devote himself entirely to parish [VCH p152]
new tollgate to be erected near junction Waterbeach parish; toll for foot passengers abolished [CH][SB72]

Parson's Charity sell off property, including Bell pub [CH]

Inclosure open fields measuring 2,390 acres inclosed; was about half the total area of the parish. The fields were named Crouch Field (E & W of Ely rd), Whitecross and Brook Fields (N & S of Wilburton Rd) & Meadow Field (E of Cambridge road), There were also open commons and fens. Snoot common, Middle common, Elford Closes, Chear Fen & Lazier fen lay at extreme south of parish and Starlock Hay Fen common and Holt Fen in SE. There were 78 allottees of whom the chief were William Edwards Read (228 acres), George Gould Morgan, lord of the Manor (173 acres), Thomas Waddelow Granger (142 a) & the Ely Feoffees (135 a) [VCH p.152 SN20 SN117]
sketch of church & cross

1837 01 07

boy 15 accused of theft purse, 3 halfcrowns belonging J. Biilington of Stretham, very old man, p4

1837 01 14

Waterbeach Level taxes p1

1837 02 04

enclosure meeting p1

1837 02 11

Turnpike gate: the Commissioners received a report of a committee on the site of the new tollgate and house at S. Ferry 11 Feb.pl

1837 03 04

Tolls: they held a meeting to let the tolls, at S turnpike gate, either at S. Ferry turnpike or at the new tollgate about to be erected near S. boundary and junction with Waterbeach parish. The toll for foot passengers was to be abolished; the old ferry had made a profit of £397 and this was the rate sought 4 Mar p1

1837 03 04

enclosure: they met to set out carriage roads numbers 12,13,14 & 15; they heard objections to these tolls and read the draft Award 4 Mar.pl Parsons Charity:

1837 03 18

sale of homestall and premises belonging to Parsons Charity, included a farmhouse, occupied by William Langford senior, a new-built farmhouse, dairy etc. occupied by Francis Yarrow; a shop occupied by William Langford junior; the Bell public house occupied by J. Sennitt Green; ground used as a rick yard known as "Bedlam Yard" 18 Mar pl

1837 04 22

sale 200 sheep John Broke, p3

1837 04 29

sale cattle, implements J. Langford, p1

1837 05 13

enclosure objections road, read draft

1837 06 03

Enclosure: the commissioners heard objections to the proposed roads and gave a public reading to the draft award 3 Jun p3

1837 06 10

Ely Union Stretham district, p2

1837 08 19

Enclosure Act was read and executed at the Lamb Inn, Ely 19 Aug p3

1837 09 02

Waterbeach Level tolls let

1837 09 23

Toll houses the Turnpike commissioners considered a report of moving the toll house 23 Sep.pl

1837 09 30

Enclosure accounts: receipts £1,056.17.1; expenditure included £185 to Mr Grainger for roads and drains, £72.8.6 for land used for gravel, £133-1.0 to Mr Walford the Surveyor and £68.2.10 for printing 30 Sep.pl

1837 10 14

William Blinch, Plantation farm, sold some of his stock 4 Oct.p3

1837 12 30

ferocious dog: the carriage of Rev George Jenyns from Cambridge stopped at the tollgate at the Ferry and the coachman asked to see the toll-keeper's dog; however the dog attacked one of the coach horses which lashed out and damaged the coach; the tollkeeper was badly bruised trying to remove his large and ferocious animal which was subsequently destroyed 23 Dec.p3

o-o-1838-o-o

under Inclosure some of Richard Rysley charity replaced by allotment of 30½ acres in Starlock Hay Fen Common for benefit of school [VCH p159]

1838 01 13

Turnpike tolls, last 3 years £620 p1

1838 01 27

Waterbach Level tolls p3

1838 03 31

Clement Negus shoemaker discharged in insolvent debtors court, p2

1838 06 30

Victoria's coronation was marked by a good Dinner to the poor in Mr Read's field, followed by donkey and foot racing and other sports; the lineal was provided at the expense of the Rector and leading inhabitants., When the poor left the field, attended by a rural band, they proceeded to the houses of their benefactors singing 'God Save the Queen' and thanking them for their Entertainment 30 Jun.p2

1838 07 21

Mere Mill: Waterbeach Level commissioners considered pulling down the Mere Mill 21 Jul.p3

1838 06 28

Richard Norman sold his property, including horses, carts and crops 28 Jul.p3

1838 09 01

William Bultitaft sold 100 a in Grunty fen which he occupied 1 Sep.p3

1838 09 22

Waterbeach Level meet, p2

1838 10 23

A letter from William Cranwell stated that the Overseer had told him he would be rated unless he gave up his vote, the other person involved was J.Fetch. 23 Oct. p2

1838 11 20

Enclosure: a meeting was called at The Lamb, Ely on 8th December to proceed with the business of enclosure 20 Nov. p1

1838 11 20

Thomas Frohock sold his premises, including 7 cows, 4 mares, stacks of beans, barley and hay, a good tumbril cart and implements 20 Nov.p3

1838 12 18

Timber on the right hand side of the old road from Wilburton to Stretham Ferry was to be sold 18 Dec.p3

-o-o- 1839 -o-o-

Charity Commissioners report : Chequers pub let to John Russell; commissioners have been granted land Inclosure, intended to cause this allotment to be divided into small allotments to the poor [SB22]

sell parish houses & money towards expense of Union workhouse [SN117]

1839 04 27

John Dimock jun. sold stock, reducing his herd 27 Apr.p3

1839 05 24

Manor Court of G.G. Morgan & W.E. Read was held 25 May p3

1839 06 29

Red Lion; sale of "well situated and old established" Red Lion pub in extensive trade for 100 years, containing dining and sitting rooms, tap room, bar, kitchen, airy bedroom, arched ale cellar holding 20 barrels, liquor cellar, good dairy, backhouse and cottage, large stables, blacksmiths shop, barn

and outbuildings, yard and bowling green. Has good frontage next to the street through which the Lynn to London mails and coaches pass and repass daily; a good water supply with springs 10 feet from the surface; proprietor for the last 70 years was Francis Langford 29 Jun p3 [cutt]

1839 07 06

drainage by steam power, Waterbeach Level contains 5,600 acres p1

1839 07 13

sale Red Lion Inn

1839 08 17

Wesleyan chapel sermons on behalf Sunday School; large attendance – CIP

1839 09 07

Marquis of Granby; sale of newly-built 'Marquis of Granby' pub in Short Lane, had a large garden, outbuildings etc, also cottage adjoining in occupation widow Bent 7 Sep.p3 also 14 Sep – [NPP]

1839 10 05

sale furniture effects Francis Langford, Red Lion, retiring p3

CIP BNA checked

-o-o- 1840 -o-o-

1840c **building** : barn, Chapel St – listed [SB16]

1840c list stagecoaches from Ely, which passed through Stretham [SB33p23]

D.J. Plumb 'The parish of Stretham, 1840-1890' [SB39]

1840 01 18

Turnpike tolls, ferry gate & tollhouse £400 last three years, p3

1840 04 28

Bad meat: two young S. butchers, Abraham & Isaac Murfitt, were accused of selling bad meat on Cambridge market; the case was dismissed 28 Mar.p4 - details

1840 04 25

Seven Wonders: sale of the "Seven "Wonders" beer shop, occupied by Thomas Gotobed and doing a fair trade; it stood near S. Ferry 25 Apr.p2

1840 05 16

manor court G.G. Morgan, at Chequers p3

1840 05 17

Wesleyan anniversary sermon - CIP

1840 09 26

Waterbeach Level tolls Harrimere head & Stretham ferry, p1

1840 10 03

revision court – objections to Robert Driver – his father had lved there before him, cottage and 13 poles of land, John Dimmock & Francis Langford. Was no Vestry ever held and the books were seldom altered. The overseers had made many alterations in list and left out names - CIP

1840 10 17

Mere Mill: sale of materials of a large watermill called Mere Mill, now standing near the Steam Engine, including a nearly-new cast-iron waterwheel-27 feet in diameter, sails 40 feet long 17 Oct,p3

1840 11 21

Mere Mill: sale of the materials from Mere Mill, now taken down 21 Nov p3

1840 12 26

Trunpike tolls Ely & Stretham town gates ... £766, p1

-o-o- 1841* -o-o-

Checked on British Newspaper Archive, significant items listed 2018 10 03

incendiary fire W.E. Read chaff house [SN142]

ploughing matches start – 7th yr 1848 [CH]

census analysed [SB39]

Plantation farm W.E. Read & John Dimock reduce stock [SN142]

1841 01 02

Turnpike tolls to let

1841 03 03

Sale substantially-build beer house ...Marquis of Granby doing good trade on the Cambridge Road ... 3 low rooms, 3 chambers ... extending to the Back Lane ... copied

1841 03 27

Marquis of Granby Most desirable beer house, garden & cottage, to be sold by auction, by C.M. Bidwell, at the Red Lion Inn, in Stretham, on Tuesday April 6th 1841, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Comprising all that capital new & substantially-built brick & slate beer house, known by the sign of The Marquis of Granby, very eligibly situated and doing a good trade on the Cambridge road; containing 3 low rooms, 3 chambers, excellent cellar, workshop, 2-stall stable & lodge; a valuable garden well planted, having an extensive frontage adjoining the road and extending to the Back Lane together with a very convenient tenement. The estate is copyhold, fine certain, of the manor of Stretham, and possession may be had at Michaelmas next. For further particulars apply to Mr Dench, solicitor or Mr C.M. Bidwell, auctioneer surveyer & valuer, Ely. 27 Mar 1841 p3 [NPP]

1841 03 27

On Monday ... about 5 o'clock a fire was discovered just as it was burning out at the corner of a chaff house adjoining the stables and premises of W.E. Read. Mr Dimock & his man were up loading some corn to send off to Cambridge and saw the flames running up the thatch. They gave the alarm and with assistance soon succeeded in quenching them. But for this discovery in all probability one corner of the village would have been laid flat, the buildings all being thatched and the wind blowing hard from the south-west. There is not a doubt but that it was the work of an incendiary. Mr Read has offered a reward for the discovery of the offenders but at present no clue can be obtained. It is difficult to assign a reason why such an attempt should have been made to injure Mr Read, as he is at all times very charitable and kind to his poorer neighbours. The premises were insured in the Sun Fire Office but the damage done was trifling CIP

1841 04 10

Fire premises Mr Read ... some said due to New Poor Law but was discovered the crimes committed by those who habituated themselves to indolence, drunkenness ... CIP

1841 04 24

Plantation Farm, Stretham, near Ely, 108 sheep, 25 head of cow stock, mares, 3 store hogs, and a quantity of potatoes. To be sold by auction by C Legge and son. ... The property of W.E. Read and John Dimock, who are reducing their winter stock... in good condition ... sold without reserve for ready money. 24 Apr 1841

1841 05 01

man named Pegg arrested, p2

1841 05 08

Suicide : on the night of Friday, 30th ult., Mr Murfeet, of S., put a period to his existence by hanging. A correspondent informs us, that some misunderstanding with his landlord coupled with other matters, is supposed to have induced him to commit this rash act 8th May 1841 p.3

1841 05 15

Suicide: ...touching the death of Mr Murfeet ...it was stated that some misunderstanding with his landlord, coupled with other matters, was supposed to have induced Mr Murfeet to commit the rash act. We are assured on unquestionable authority that our correspondent led us into error in this affair, in as much as Mr Murfeet had no misunderstanding whatever with his landlord, or with any one acting on his behalf. 15 May 1841 p3

1841 05 15

Wm Norman allowed house to be kept open after 10pm. No beer was drawn but he was fined 5/- CIP

1841 05 30

sale garden, dwelling house, slaughter house, stables etc in centre [NPP]

1841 06 19

sale homestead & 18 a, tenement etc, bakehouse, p3

1841 07 03

Wesleyan anniversary - CIP

1841 07 17

Green End: 7 tenements were sold 1 Jul

1841 07 17

sale 11a grass near Stretham engine, p3

1841 07 24

death : on 20th instant aged 74, Mr John Dimock, senior, farmer, of S. near Ely 24 Jul 1841 p2

1841 10 23

Caution to waggoners: On Thursday last, John Seamour of Stretham was convicted upon the evidence of Foster, policeman, for driving a team without reins and refusing to give his name, and was fined £1.10s. 23 Oct 1841 p2

1841 10 23

wrong measures, Isaac Murfitt fined, p2

-o-o- 1842 *-o-o-

Thetford Methodist chapel quarterly subscriptions, 1842 – [SB2]

1842 01 01

Lad by name of Coy was skating when the ice broke and he drowned CIP

1842 01 29

new road: a correspondent wrote bemoaning the fact that there were only two routes from the Isle of Ely to Cambridge, one of these was via Hermitage (Earith) the other at S. ferry; the writer thought that with Cottenham Enclosure now taking place this would be an ideal time to make a new road from Haddenham to Cottenham to make the journey shorter 29 Jan.p2

1842 02 05

proposed new road, Twentypence, save traffic through Stretham CIP

1842 03 12

sale homestall & 6 acres late Wm Russell, p3

1842 03 19

Naomi Coatman charged stealing from Mary Granger, not guilty, p3

1842 04 02

wedding – 200 assemble; headed by three ‘jolly young farmers on horseback’; groom Stephen Read, 77, bride Miss Jane Clark, 32. - CIP

1842 04 09

Edward Dimock charged drunk, Joseph Pope drunk

1842 04 16

Forgery of Haddenham Doctor mentions the will of Mr Dimmock CIP

1842 05 07

Black Eyed Susan sale, beer house was sold along with others in neighbouring villages by a Cambridge brewer, tenant J. Langford, p3 [NPP]

1842 05 28

Nutter & Elliston pub sale

Black Eyed Susan beer house and a tenement at the back, tenant J. Langford

1842 06 04 CIP

Nutter and Elliston’s public houses sale

Black Eyed Susan Stretham sold Nash & Co for £360 – copied

1842 07 16

sale at Plantation Farm, livestock etc W.E. Read & J. Hazel, reducing stock, p1

1842 07 16

Keeper of the Stretham Ferry toll bar charged a person with steeling two eel baskets. His wife saw the robbery but did not appear in court as the child was ill. CIP

1842 08 13

William Mason and Wm Paul fined for fighting. PC Lees testified. IP

1842 10 01

John Hobson salesman claimed beasts in the care of a drover, John Goodbody, had stones thrown at them CIP

1842 12 17

Wesleyan Mission Society.CIP

1842 12 24

Van from Cambridge to Lynn upset near Stretham Ferry.CIP

-o-o- 1843 * -o-o-

building : Coach house, Chapel St, initials E.D., listed [SB16]

1843 01 28

James Creek convicted of furious driving .CIP

1843 03 25

sale livestock Edward Dimmock & Richard Taylor, reducing stock CIP [NPP]

1843 03 25

Frances Langford keeps a public house; prisoner called at one am he had a gun and a hare with him and said he was going to shoot his wife; on the 9th he called for a small glass of ale but did not drink it, left and said he had given the hare away. Called for another glass and said he would shoot his wife. CIP

1843 03 11

William Hazell sold stock 11 Mar.pl

1843 03 18

ash and elm trees recently taken down in front of Edward Dimock's house in Red Lion Lane for sale 18 Mar.pl

1843 03 25

stock sale Edward Dimock & Richard Taylor, p4 [cutt]

1843 05 20

Mary Read, widow of John, died aged 96 20 May p2

1843 08 12

William Langford sold stock and farm implements prior to retiring 12 Aug.pl

1843 08 12

Thomas Pitchford charged with steeling flowers from the garden of Mr Read. CIP

1843 08 19

John Lythell assaulted Pc Ayngge. CIP

1843 11 04

Ingenious robbery of fowls by John Webb from John Coatman 4 Nov.p2

1843 11 04

Ancient Shepherds - a group had been formed in the village recently 4 Nov p3

1843 11 25

Annual Ploughing Match;27 teams in Grunty Fen.
;dinner at Chequers.CIP

-o-o-1844 * -o-o-

building : Hylton House – listed [SB16]

four cottages of Dr Ryseleys in Top St built 1844; at that time was called Lincolns Garden. Contract details [SB33p17]SN132]

1844 01 06

Higgler robbed: John Coatman, a higgler, hired a man to go round the fens with him; he bought 30 turkeys and they set off, selling as they went. When they got to Adelaide the helper ran off with one of the birds 6 Jan p3

1844 01 13

Abolish the police - a poem entitled 'The rogues' jubilee' was published, occasioned by the rumour that the people of Stretham were going to petition to have the police abolished 13 Jan.p3

1844 02 10

death Eleanor Moden, 89, p3

1844 04 13

Charles in the Oak pub was destroyed by fire loss of £500 suspicion of vendors of Lucifer matches 13 Apr p2 [NPP] [scan]

1844 04 13

Typhus is caused by the gradual drying up of stagnant water. There is a long slip of this kind between the Stretham Causeway and the bank of the drain CIP

1844 05 04

Awfully destructive fire at Stretham

One of the most awful fires it was ever our province to record" ... the destruction of property is enormous ... not less that 25 houses etc have been razed to the ground, including habitations of wealthy agriculturalists and humble labourers, the reader will imagine for himself the extent of the misery which must be the consequence of this lamentable visitation

The fire originated in a small hovel adjoining the blacksmith's shop of Mr John Westley. It is supposed some sparks of hot iron were the immediate cause of the catastrophe, but this does not quite clearly appear. At any rate about one o'clock in the day the hovel was discovered to be in flames; and although assistance was at hand, and the fire seemed at first but trifling, so dry were the materials of which the hovel was composed that it was very soon enveloped in flames, which communicated with Mr Westby's house on one side, and Mr Wright's stack-yard on the other. No sooner were Mr Wright's extensive and well-stored premises seized upon by the devouring element, than the utmost alarm for the safety of the village was entertained. Nor was this alarm unfounded for the flames spread with such frightening rapidity, on both sides of the street, that in little more than an hour from the time of their breaking out twenty-five occupations, extending over about fifteen acres of ground, were in a blaze,

To describe the scene would be impossible. The reader will conceive the terrible fright and disorder which prevailed, and the awful character of the destruction going on. So wonderfully rapid was the spread of the flames, and so great the heat emanating from the great mass of burning materials, that many of those who fancied their premises secure when the fire first broke out, and consequently neglected to take care of their own furniture, clothes, etc were unable to secure a particle. Some have lost every chip and every rag, save the garments they happened to have on at the time.

There is no engine at Stretham. About two o'clock the Haddenham engine, and to the good use made of it, under the most active and energetic directions of the Revd S. Banks, incumbent of Haddenham, may be attributed the saving of the great part of the village. On the one side of the street, the progress of the flames was arrested at a cow-lodge, belonging to Mr Hazel, and on the other side in the yard of the public house, next Messrs Sennet and Graves's premises.

In order that the reader may form an idea of the extent of the damage by this destructive conflagration, we shall give a list of the premises burnt

- 1 The hovel in which the fire originated
- 2 John Westby, blacksmith - House, furniture and clothes destroyed
- 3 Mr Boultentatft, miller - house, furniture, out-buildings, hay etc
- 4 Mr Wright, farmer - Mr Wright's premises occupy both sides of the street: at present we are describing the property on the south, but we include Mr Wright's total loss. Two barns, stables, cart-lodges, 300 coomb of wheat, 4 wheat stacks, 3 hay-stacks, 2 straw-stacks, a large number of pigs and fowls, &c destroyed. House saved
- 5 Mr Coy farmer - Dwelling-house, new barn, granary, stables, machines, wagons, out-buildings, wheat stack, straw-stack, about 12 pigs, fowls &c
- 6 Mr Murfitt - house, furniture, barn, stables, hay, &c
- 7 Mr Lester, butcher - House, furniture, clothes, cart, five £5 notes and 40/- shilling in silver
- 8 Mr Jackson - house, barn, stable and building, in the yard
- 9 Mr S. Wright- house, barn, stables, hay-stack, wheat, peas and beans
- 10 Mr Philips, baker - house, furniture, clothes, stock-in-trade, and in fact every thing
- 11 Alms-houses - two families
- 12 Ditto four families
- 13 Mr John Wheeler, shoemaker and brewer – house, furniture, stock-in-trade, warehouse etc
- 14 Mr Hazel - cow-lodge. Here the fire was stopped on this side of the street

- 15 Mr Wright - see no. 4
- 16 Mr R. Wheeler - house and out-buildings
- 17 Mr Gibbons, shoemaker - house, furniture, stock-in-trade and every thing
- 18 Mr Dimock - house, buildings &c
- 19 Mr Langford, linen-draper - house, furniture, stock-in-trade and every thing
- 20 Mr Baxter, harness maker - the same
- 21 Mr Savidge, tailor - the same
- 22 Mr T. Grainger, farmer - barn, stables, every out-building, hay stack, straw-stack, 30 coomb of beans, about, 40 coomb of oats, 14 pigs, a quantity of fowl &c. Mr Grainger's barn was the largest in the county: nothing but the walls are left, and so intense was the heat that the brickwork seems in some places to have been almost molten. The house was saved.
- 23 Mr Levi Langford - house, stable, barn, and other buildings.
- 24 Mr Dring, veterinary surgeon - house and furniture
- 25 Messrs Senet and Graves - house, barn, and stables.

It will be understood from the foregoing that the desolation is heart-rending.

The Church was made the receptacle of the furniture etc which could be saved; and as to the numerous persons deprived of house and home, they were accommodated as well as circumstances would admit, and every attention paid to them by the clergymen and their neighbours.

Two engines from Ely were present; and the Superintendant and some men of the Isle of Ely Constabulary rendered great service in the prevention of depredations

It is of course difficult to speak with any thing like accuracy of the damage, but it has been estimated at between £15,000 and £20,000, a great portion of the property being, we fear, uninsured.

A fire of somewhat similar character occurred in Stretham 73 years ago, going over much the same ground Ch 4 May 1844 [cutt]

1844 05 04

Melancholy destruction of fire – CIP 4 May 1844 [cutt] [scan]

1844 05 08

Stretham fire – report appearing in Derby Mercury [scan]

1844 05 11

CHRONICLE. 11 May, 1844.

The fire at Stretham

We beg to refer to an advertisement in another column, setting forth that a subscription has been started for the sufferers by the severe calamity we had to record last week

By this calamitous event, which accidentally happened on Wednesday afternoon, May 1st, twenty-five houses, ten barns, a great number of stables, cart-lodges, and other farm buildings, together with a very considerable quantity of corn, hay, straw, wagons, carts, harness, and a great variety of farming implements, were entirely destroyed; and several families, by the loss of their homes, furniture and clothes, are become so completely destitute, as greatly to need the charitable contributions of the benevolent, towards relieving their pressing wants and necessities.

Contributions will be thankfully received by the bankers at Cambridge and at Ely; Mr Stevenson, bookseller, Cambridge; and by the Rev, H. Baber, at the rectory, Stretham and the amount collected will be distributed amongst the most needy sufferers, under the direction of the rector of Stretham, and a Committee to be appointed for this special purpose.

May 7th, 1844

Subscriptions already received

Mrs Hayles (Cambridge)	00.10.0
Rev. Joseph Pullen, C.C.C.	01.00.0
Mr W.E. Lilley, (Cambridge)	0. 10. 0
W. H. (Trinity College)	1. 1. 0
The Master of Trinity College	5. 0. 0
Thomas Mortlock	5. 0. 0
William Mortlock	5. 0. 0
H. Armitage, Trinity College	0. 10. 0
Mr H. Hazard, (Cambridge)	1. 0. 0
C. P. Wilbraham	1. 0. 0
Rev H.G.	0. 10. 0
M.A.	5. 0. 0
Rev. William Martin	2. 2. 0
Mr John Swan, (Cambridge)	0. 10. 0
Mrs Maddison, (Cambridge	1. 0. 0

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advertisement subscription sufferers fire, p3

The late awful fire

Subscriptions

Amount already received

Rev. H. H. Baber, Stretham

R. L. Ellis, esq.

Rev. C. A. Swainson, Christ's Coll

Rev. Edmund Mortlock, ditto
Rev C. U. Barry
E. M. Cope esq. Trin. coll.
Mr George Salmon
W. P. Snell, esq. , Downing coll.
Thos. Bond & son
Collection at Cottenham church
Mrs, Lamb, King's Parade
Sarah Roberts
Mr Addison
Rev. F. Gell, Christ's coll,
Mrs E. Barker
M.B.
Rev W. Law
Rev. Dr. Hymers
Mr Orridge, Market Hill
Mr Samuel Salmon
A. B.
A lady
- Money, esq|. C.C.C.
H., Magd, coll
B., Magd coll
F. M., St Johns coll
F. H. Spragge C.C.C.
A lady
Richard Huddleston esq.
The Master of Pembroke col

1844 05 25
The late awful fire at Stretham
Subscriptions
Amount already advertised
Rev. Prof. Scholefield
Rev. T. Coombe, Waterbeach
X. Y.
Mr Henry Marshall
T. C.O.
The Master of Caius coll.
Colonel Glover
Rev. S. Earnshaw
Rev. John Brown, late master of Trinity college
Rev. Gale Townley
Rev. Prof. Henslow
F.A.P.
A Lady
A.R. Davies, esq. Hertford
Rev. George Ray
Wm Peckover, esq. Wisbech
A. Mantigani, Wisbech

The names of all persons resident at Ely or elsewhere, who have kindly contributed to the relief of the sufferers by the fire at Stretham will be printed in the next week's paper

1844 06 01

Feoffee's cottages: contracts were invited for four cottages and outbuildings for Dr. Rysley's charity
1 Jun.p3

1844 06 01

The late fire at Stretham

The following sums, not previously acknowledged have been received by the Rev. H. H. Baber,
Rector of Stretham, to be disposed of for the benefit of the more needy sufferers of the late fire :

Rev Wm Kirby, Barham
T. Rudd, esq
Wm Smith esq., Norfolk Cresent
Geo Smith London
Huntingdon Martin, esq. Downham
Miss Pate, Bury
A Lady
B. Johnson & Mrs Johnson, Bourn
Mr, E. Martin. Witcham
Mr M. Witt, Waterbeach
Mrs Godfrey
A Gentleman
From 9 contributors
Mr R.R., W & G Dawbarnu, Wisbech
R. Orton, esq. March
Hon. Lady Pell, Wilburton
A friend, by J. Dring
Mrs Waddington, Ely
Miss Harwoods
Mr R. Scott
Rev J. H. Sparke, Prebendary of Ely
Mr & Mrs Edwards, Ely
Mr J. D. Catling
C. Miuriel, esq.
Messrs Butcher & co.
Mr Stevens
Mrs Durham
H.R. Evans esq. sen.
Rev G. Millers
Miss Sarah Vaughan
Mr & Mrs Walker
From 2 contributors
Rev. J. Tinkler, Landbeach
Cottenham 2nd collection
Mr Fred Granger, Stretham
Mr Edward Dimock
Mr Richard Langford
Mr John Tebbutt
Mr Russell Blinch
Mr John Langford
Mr Luke Curtis
Mr John Sennitt
Mr Charles Lack Stretham
Mr Edward Senniitt
Mr Wm Blinch
Mrs Dimock

Mr Edward Witton
Miss Ann Read
Mrs Hewlett
Mr King Charles
T.R. Raynbird, esq.,
From 13 contributors in small sums
Rev Prof, Henslow, Cambridge
M. Bright esq. Magdalen coll.
H. G. Wilson esq. Cambridge
B.S.L. Frere, esq.
Mrs Adock
A Friend
Mr Beacham
Hon. C. C. Neville
Dr Fisher
Rev W. Selwyn
Sundry small subscriptions by Mr Edw Wilson
Rev H. Hurlock

Received by Mrs Read, for the necessitous poor, by the late fire at Stretham

J. Muriel esq. Ely
A Friend
Mr Anslow
A Friend
Mr Dean
Mr Stevens
Miss Edwards
Mr Fison
Friends
Captain Hart
J. Serjeant, esq., Ramsey
J. Jones esq,
Bow collections

Total £17.4.2.

1844 06 15
advertisement subscriptions, p1
The late fire at Stretham

The Rev. H. H. Baber, rector of Stretham, and. the committee acting with him. in the distribution of the money contributed for the relief of the more needy sufferers of the late calamitous fires at Stretham, return their most grateful thanks to the public for their kind and liberal contributions, and have the satisf action to state that they have no further occasion to trespass upon their generous benevolence,

Stretham, June 13, 1844

The following contributions have been received since those last acknowledged : -

Rev. Or. 11. Hughes, Langham	2, 0. 0
Haddenham, by Rev. S. Banks	1 . 15. 6
De Haviland, Cambridge	2. 0. 0
D.A.F.	3. 0. 0
Messrs Foster & co	10. 0. 0

C Finch esq	10. 0. 0
Mr Headly	2. 0. 0
W. G	2. 0. 0
Mr H. Norman, Cottenham	0. 5. 0
A Friend	0, 2. 6
Rev. J. Griffith, Ely	1 . 0.0
Robert Martin, esq .	2. 2. 0
Mr Geo Hall	3. 0. 0
Tyco Wing, esq. Thorney	1 . 0.0
Rev. W. Bennett, Canterbury	1. 0. 0
Rev. L. P. Francis	1.00. 0
Henry Martin esq . Littleport	2, 0. 0
J. W. Waddington, Twyford Lodge	5. 0. 0
2nd box collection at Stretham	1. 5. 5

1844 01 15

The Rural Police

Mr Editor

Will you do me the favour to insert the enclosed morceau d'esprit; for, as my ears are incessantly annoyed by some insult or other by Ignorant & disloyal rustics who fume out against the police, when it is the trifle they are compelled to pay towards its support which is the real cause of grievance, I think I may in justice give them a 'shot' in return.

yours respectfully,

The author of ----- etc etc

Jan.3, 1844

The Rogue's Jubilee

A funny thing - not to be laughed at. Dedicated to Jack Ketch

(Written impromptu, on hearing that some of the inhabitants of Stretham were going to petition to have the police abolished.)

Rejoice, ye cut-throats, highwaymen, and prigs,

Ye soon may unmolested run your rigs,

And licence have to plunder, burn, and kill,

Defy the laws - in short, do what ye will;

As sheep, or horse, in open day may steal,

Nor care nor dread of apprehension feel.

Your friends resolve to smash the vile police,

And from restraining fears your minds release.

So sharpen up your knives for bloody work,

Sword, bludgeon, pistol, blunderbuss, and dirk;

* * * * *

And with your bludgeons break the owner's backs.

Turn upside down our country's sacred laws,

Then ask police-reformers for applause 1

An Isle of Ely Policeman

* We have thought it right to put our pen through one line - Editor Cambridge

Chronicle, 14 January 1844 p3

1844 06 15

sale animals Plantation Farm, p1

1844 06 15

James Sadler charged assault on policeman, Aynger, p3

1844 07 13

Mr Norman butcher gives evidence at court. CIP

1844 09 07

game certificates, Jos, John, Frederick & Thos Granger, p1

1844 11 16

Russell Blinch, farmer, died aged 67 16 Nov.p3

1844 11 30

Ploughing match: the annual ploughing match took place in November, 34 ploughs took part and 60 partook of an excellent dinner at the Chequers 30 Nov.p3

1844 12 14

Fatal accident a waggoner met the Lynn mail coach without the driver. Between Stretham bridge and the toll bar a hat was found lying on the road and the body of the man discovered on the ground. He must have fallen while a sleep and the coach went over him. CIP

-o-o- 1845 * -o-o-

death G.G. Morgan, sometime MP for Brecon who owned 1,213 of the 4,085 acres in the parish; executors held manorial rights 6 years later [VCH p154]

railway to Ely opened

particulars & values occupiers property – CRO P147/11/14 [SN153]

1845 02 22

Ewe slaughtered: a ewe heavy with lamb was slaughtered on land belonging to T.W. Granger; its skin and head were buried and were discovered by the shepherd's dog. Later part of the meat was found in a pond; in one of 10 nearby houses was found a sheep's leg bone and expert evidence established that the bones matched the foot of the slaughtered sheep. There was no evidence however that Thomas Frohock, in whose house the leg had been found, was responsible for the slaughter and he was acquitted 22 Feb & 12 Apr.p3

1845 03 08

sale Grunty Fen farm occ Jos Hazel, p1

1845 03 08

court case Stretham butcher v Witchford butcher, p2

1845 03 15

Blacksmith John Westley, died aged 55 15 Mar.p2

1845 04 12

Thomas Frohock charged sheep stealing, p3

1845 04 12

Wm inson stole wheat from Thomas Waddelow. CIP

1845 06 07

sale tithe-free land, 8 a, p1

1845 07 26

Windmill sale: a capital post windmill with 2 tenements, the mill working 2 pairs of stones with gear and tackle complete standing on the hill at entrance to populous and improving village of S. forming altogether frontage of 95 yards next turnpike road, in occupation of William Bultitaft 26 Jul.pl

1845 08 02

T. Granger attends dinner for opening of railway. CIP

1845 08 16

accident – lad named Mark Howe, p3 Boy shot: two boys employed in neighbouring fields to scare birds were neglecting their duties and playing together; one accidentally shot the other 9 Aug. p3

1845 09 06

Boy hurt: the young son of John Murfitt who worked at Red Hill Farm fell in front of a cart laden with peas; the cart ran over him and broke his leg 6 Sep.p3

1845 11 15

Fire: whilst people were in church or chapel on Sunday evening the alarm of fire was heard, causing considerable panic as they dashed from their services; a house in Bents Lane was ablaze and the flames quickly spread to another thatched cottage. There was little water to be had but the crowds managed to save some of the furniture from each cottage. The blame was laid on the wife who had gone upstairs with a candle to fetch her bible; whilst reading this with another woman they noticed the fire and found the bed alight 15 Nov, p3 and CIP 1845 11 22

-o-o- 1846 * -o-o-

National Society report says 244 children receiving education; most at church school on weekdays, weekday evenings & Sundays in hired premises, many part time; staff of eight employed, lack of endowments prevented real progress in 1846 & in 1851 rector is sole private contributor [VCH p158]

Stretham Engine third boiler added [SB47]

bond Wm Wright, John Brooks Russell & Samuel Wright, hirer of tolls, Turnpike [SB67 d29]

sale building plot, Bell St [SN142]

1846 01 10

sale building ground in Bell St, (Top Street) p3 [cutt]

1846 01 24

Red Lion theft: whilst Mr, Langford of the Red Lion was killing a pig a customer walked into his back room and stole £35 from a cupboard 24 Jan.p3

1846 02 14

Norman a butcher accuses Johnson of Swavesey. CIP

1846 05 02

Fell from cart: Mr Money, employed by Mr Granger, was driving a cart loaded with oil rape from Ely to Soham; he called at the pub at Stuntney and a little further along the road fell from his cart and was killed 2 May p3

1846 05 09

Mr Dimmock and his son thrown from gig the son fell onto a piece of iron which entered his stomach. CIP

1846 06 06
Manor court, p1

1846 06 06
death Francis Langford, 82, p2

1846 07 04
sheep theft: two notable local men, William Clark & Richard Norman, one a shepherd the other a publican were charged with respectively stealing and receiving a sheep; both were acquitted 4 Jul.p3

1846 09 19
tenders for coal for engine, p1

1846 09 19
Thomas Philips fined for deficient measures, p3

1846 11 21
Ploughing match attracted contestants from neighbouring villages for each of the three classes; afterwards the competitors dined at the Red Lion, and the gentlemen at the Chequers 21 Nov p2

-o-o- 1847 * -o-o- (BNA checked)

1847 01 09
Thomas Roney guilty theft coat from Samuel Coy

1847 01 23
sale land called Parnell's at the Ferry, prop Edward Morden

1847 02 06
turnpike discuss gate between Ely station and the Angel' there was gate at Stretham where toll taken every time one passed through

1847 04 24
death Samuel, 19, third son Samuel Coy, farmer

1847 05 01
Theft: Charles Coy was charged with robbing the house of his employer at Haddenham 1 May p3

1847 08 07
good house with eight rooms and bakehouse to let

1847 08 14
Gotobed, butcher, sued by solicitor

1847 08 21
Rev H.H. Baber conducts marriage Rev Harvey Baber, Chaplain of Whitelands, Chelsea, to Sarah Rodwell

1847 11 20
marriage John Graves, brewer of Stretham to Eliz Langford, daughter Wm of Red Lion

1847 11 20
ploughing match proceeded as usual 27 Nov p3

1847 11 20

to let public house at Thetford adjoining the ferry on banks of Cam

-o-o- 1848 -o-o- (BNA checked)

1848 03 18

Cattle sale - stock of John & W. Dimock 18 Mar.p3

1848 04 08

Red Lion theft: a lodger at the Red Lion stole money from a cupboard 8 Apr p2

1848 05 27

Waterbeach Level meeting

1848 06 17

John Crowe, labourer, indecent exposure to two females – one month hard labour (CIP)

1848 10 14

Wm Wheeler & Wm Parish deficient measures, p2

1848 11 15

7th year that the ploughing match had taken place 25 Nov. p3

1848 12 16

William Howe, blacksmith assaulted Edward Morden, pig-jobber; fined 5/- CIP

-o-o- 1849 * -o-o-

surveyors to make sewers throughout village [SN117]

1849 07 21

alleged outrage – boy shoots child – long account, - son of Mr Read and brother cleaning old gun which went off and shot Murfitt in leg, which amputated; letter 28th, p3 [NPP]

1849 11 03

Burglary at shop owned by W. Watts, cloth stolen worth £30 3 Nov.p3

1849 03 17

Vagrant charged with begging by Pc Allpress.CIP

1849 07 21

Gun Accident. The son of Mr Read and another lad were cleaning an old gun and shot Murfitt ;his leg was amputated.CIp

1849 09 22

Man committed eor arson of straw stack near Stretham CIP

1849 10 06

Thomas Granger resigned as Waterbeach Commissioner;brother Frederick replaces.CIP

1849 10 20

John Green lodged with Mr Langford ;his trousers were stolen by another lodger who moved to the Sun public house.CIP

1849 12 01
ploughing match, p3

1849 12 15
Threshing machine; a lad got caught in a threshing machine 15 Dec. p3

1849 12 29
Poisoned: a large quantity of poultry belonging to William Read were poisoned at Plantation Farm 29 Dec, p3

-o-o- 1850 -o-o-

Fires, Chapel street area; four fires in four weeks, work of incendiaries, London detective investigates. Three fires about Michaelmas, 1st in Tithe Rick Yard burnt the Red Lion, 2nd begun in Mr Dimmock's rick yard burnt some houses in lane opposite, 3rd was up Cage Lane burnt Murfitts & Coys premises; all supposed to be incendiarism. Committee of enquiry by vestry, appoint watchmen, consider parish engine & 3 fire hooks; 4 fires within a month & large proportion saved if had engine – to buy [[CH SN117 SN142 SB75]
Stretham Engine scoop wheel increased to 33 ft [SB47]

1850 01 05
5 Jan p3 1850 incendiary fire :
Monday evening last about 20 min past 6 pm a fire broke out in this quite little village in a barn belonging Mr **Isaac Murfitt** butcher, which being very old and thatched was soon destroyed also the stables and other outbuildings; which were composed of the same sorts of material soon became a prey to the devouring elements. The next for destruction was Mr **W Sennitt**'s house one of those large, old fashioned, farmhouses, wood and thatch with the firing lodge which was standing close to the barn, and almost connected with it; but fortunately the wind blowing from the west sent the fire across the orchard so the farm buildings and corn of Mr Sennitt were saved, by the great exertion of the villagers. The furniture of Mr Sennitt was most of it got out; and the family not being at home at the time it was got out in such a manner as to render a great deal of it useless and being dark there was a good opportunity for those who like to possess themselves of others peoples property, which, we regret to say, they availed themselves of rather largely as a great many things known to be got out can not be found.

The fire was first seen by Mr Sennitt's son, and a man going home with him, when it was not larger than a bucket; the man heard something, and turning round called out 'there is a fire in that barn', to which he immediately went, and began to pull the fire out of the hole in the boards, and the other ran for a pail of water which proved of no use, as it was only by a hole in the boards they could get at it, the barn being full of barley at that end, and they must have gone some distance to get in at the door; and if they had done this it would have been of no use, for the fire was between the barley and the boarding. This leaves no doubt that idle was a foul deed of some incendiary. The agents of the several fire offices at Ely were made acquainted with the fire when it was raging, and were soon on the spot with a very powerful engine, which was immediately set to work, and also another from Haddenham, and these together with a good supply of water, soon had the desired effect.

1850 01 05
celebration 2nd anniversary Harmonic Society, p3 CIP

1850 03 09
no.2 destroyed the White Horse public house owned Edward Pope, 9 Mar.p3

1850 03 16

White Horse occupied by Mr Pope was discovered to be on fire; half the house destroyed; many of the respectable inhabitants and labourers generally assisted to subdue the flames

1850 03 16

flag station to be placed at Stretham, p3 CIP

1850 03 16

fatal accident son William Porter p3 CIP

1850 04 06

election churchwardens, p3 CIP

1850 04 27

Scarlet fever claimed victims 27 Apr, 3 Aug & 10 Aug

1850 05 04

fowl stealing p6

1850 06 01

First confirmation: 54 S. people were confirmed in the first such service to be held in the village
1 Jun p2

1850 06 01

death miller, p2

1850 06 08

accident, p2

1850 06 08

robbery at Malt & Hops, p3 CIP

1850 06 22

suspicious death, Mrs Dimock, death by poisoning, p2

1850 06 29

Dimock inquest report, p3 CIP

1850 07 20

marriage, p2

1850 08 03

death from scarlet fever, & 10th, p2

1850 09 28

MORE INCENDIARISM

The quietude of this village was again disturbed by the cries of fire on Friday evening, about half past nine o'clock, which began in a bean stack belonging to the Rev, **H. H. Baber** and soon extended to a large barn, which was boarded and thatched, and having been recently newly dressed, the flames raged most alarmingly, and appeared to threaten destruction in all that part of the village. Fortunately by the exertions of some, and the timely arrival of the Haddenham & Ely engines, the fire was got under, but not until late in the morning. The property consumed is the

bean stack where it began, and the barn which was full of wheat and barley unthrashed, and nearly twenty coombs of corn in sacks; stable adjoining; also a wheat stack, the produce of 4 acres, belonging to the Rector, one wheat stack, one bean stack, one large hay stack, a piece of old clover, one large straw stack, the property of Mr **Edward Dimock** and part of the house occupied by **Mr Parish** butcher; also the old **Red Lion Inn**, and barn containing nearly a last of thrashed oats; also the cart sheds, piggeries, and firing lodges, the property of **J. Hall** esq., Ely, which are insured in the Sun fire office. The Norwich Union and the Suffolk are also sufferers in the fire. The total loss is estimated at £1,500.

no.3: on Friday evening about 9.30 a bean stack belonging to Rev H.H. Baber was discovered to be on fire, it spread to a barn and appeared to threaten all that part of the village, but by the exertions of some and the timely arrival of the Haddenham & Ely fire engines the fire was finally brought under control but not before 6 stacks, 2 barns and a stable had been lost together with part of the house of Mr Parish the butcher and the Old Red Lion Inn; the loss was estimated as £1,500 28 Sept.p2 [cutt]

1850 10 05

Cambridge Independent Press Oct 5th 1850

Another incendiary fire at **Mr Dimock's**.

We have this week to record a most destructive fire in the unfortunate and it would almost appear doomed village and we regret to have to record another fire, also It would appear, the work of some vile miscreant at present unknown, On Saturday evening, between 8pm and 9pmg a straw stack. standing In the yard belonging to Mr **Edward Dimock** ,(whose property was partially destroyed by the fire the week before), was found to be on fire, and before the flames could be extinguished soon spread to all the other stacks in the yard; comprising several wheat, barley, bean and oat stacks; also a large barn full of unthrashed barley; which were all consumed. The fire then extended to three cottages standing on the opposite side of the road, belonging to Mrs **Ann Blinch** and occupied by **Samuel Parish Snr**, **Thomas Thorn**, **Samuel Parish Jnr**, which were all consumed; but the tenants succeeded in saving some portion of their furniture, which they had It appeared taken the precaution of insuring. Another cottage belonging to **Mr Clay** of Haddenham, occupied by **Thomas Fletcher** was also burnt down;also, another cottage belonging to Mr Clay,' In the occupation of **James Rayner**; and a cottage belonging and occupied by **Isaac Murfitt**, and another cottage, belonging to Mr **John Wright**, occupied by **widow Wright**. Mr Dimocks house, which was separated from the burning barn by a yards was, by the exertions of the parties having the management of the Ely and Haddenham Engines, fortunately saved from the fire. The agents of the Norwich Union, Sun. and the Suffolk Fire Offices were in attendance all night and the greater part of the following day, giving directions, and aiding and assisting to extinguish the flames.

One is at a loss to conjecture the motives by which the wretch who caused this wanton destruction of property and endanger the lives of many persons, bothlast week and the week before (for there cannot be much doubt that the two fires are the work of the same incendiaries) is actuated; as from all we can learn Mr Dimock, upon whom the fire was first discovered, bears an excellent character as a straight forward and upright man. and not a word to his prejudice has been heard during the last exciting times; on the contrary; he is stated to have been always willing to oblige and accommodate his poorer neighbours on all occasions in his power, instances of which have been related since the fires,

We believe the property destroyed was all insured in the Norwich Union,Sun and Suffolk Insurance Offices and will probably amount to £1,300.

The public houses and beer shops were upon the request of the police all closed on the night of the fire by 12 o clock, and the labourers were certainly some what more orderly, and worked better than at the previous fire; but we heard of one case were a young friend of ours, assisting to put out the fires was told by a labourer that "he had better keep quiet and leave the fire alone- it was meant to burn".

Inquiry before Capt Rampton.

Mr Dimock stated that he was first informed of the fire by a young man named Pigot who had just come from the stable, where he had a lanthorn and candle; he did not know how it had occurred, but it must have been set on fire. Cropley the shepherd, had been in the stables with the witness, and was in his house when the fire broke out, Wm Rowell, of Stretham, labourer who works for Mr Granger was returning home, when he saw the stacks on fire; called out and went to the stacks; believes that Mr Chas Wright was the first to come up; soon afterwards old San Parish came from the direction of his own home; saw no person except Pigot and a young man; the gate was partly open.

Several other witnesses were also examined one of whom,, Thomas Howard, a young labourers stated that he had dreamed on Friday night there would be a fire on Saturday night but did not tell the young man he was with his dream, We do not think It right. at this stage of the enquiry, to give publicity to the remainder of the evidence taken by Capt Hampton. as it might possibly prejudice the enquiry and defeat the ends of justice, particularly as some acts tending to cast suspicion on some parties were adduced. A full investigation took place which must, however the matter end, be considered by all parties to have been the most desirable
Cambridge Independent Press Oct 5th 1850

1850 10 05

Scotland Yard sent a detective to investigate and a committee was appointed 5 Oct.p3

1850 10 08

Another Fire

About a 1/4 past 9 o'clock on Saturday evening last another and very destructive fire broke out at the end of an oat and tare stack, and it is no doubt that it was the work of some vile incendiary The stack was the property and on the premises of Mr Edward Dimock (who was a sufferer last week)

The flames soon extended themselves to a large barn filled with barley The following is a list of property & premises destroyed : Oat and tare stack, 2 bean stacks, 1 wheat stack; the barn, filled with barley; gig-house and piggeries; also several farming implements, the property of Mr E. Dimock - insured in the Norwich Union: 3 cottages on the opposite side of the road, the property of Mrs Blinchy and occupied sever ally by Samuel Parish sen, Samuel Parish jun and Thomas Thorn : one cottage, the property of Mr John Wright occupied by Widow Wright and son : the farm-house of Mr Isaac Murfitt, outbuilding and corn saved : and 2 cottages behind the stack- yard of Mr E. Dimock, the property of Mr F. Clay, and occupied by Thomas Fletcher and James Rayner

The cottagers' furniture is principally insured in the Norwich Union, also Mr Blinch's cottages; Mr Wright's and Mr F. Clay's in the Sun; Mr J. Murfitt in the Suffolk.

There has been one of the detective police from London to investigate the cause of these fires, and a committee appointed, but nothing has been elicited to lay suspicion upon any one. The total loss is estimated at £1,200 CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE 8 October, 1850 [cutt]

1850 10 19

nos, 5 & 6: 2 stacks and a barn value £70 were lost; five nights later just before 10 pm the cry of fire echoed again, this time another 5 cottages were razed along with barns and corn, Wheeler 19 Oct

1850 10 19

On Friday evening last about half past four o'clock, we were again alarmed by the cry of "fire", which began upon a wheat-straw stack which had been threshed a few days, the property of Mr **Wm Wheeler**, the product of about four acres. By great exertions the fire was confined to the straw stack and an oat stack, also the property of Mr Wheeler, which was the produce of about five acres, and a small barn and cart shed, the property of Mr **Thos. Legge**, brewer, Ely. The total loss is estimated about £70. The place and situation where the fire began, there is but little doubt that it was the act of some incendiary; but no suspicion has yet fallen upon any one.

On Wednesday night, Oct. 16, a little before ten o'clock, the cries of "fire" were heard again through the village, and on proceeding to the spot, it was ascertained that it began in a small barn or lodge, belonging to a poor man named **Abraham Murfitt** whence it soon extended to his cottages, one occupied by himself, and one by a poor widow and two children, and then to a little corn that he had, the product of about two acres (corn uninsured). Next it seized **Mrs Piggott's** cottage, which was also thatched, and all adjoining; and on the opposite side of the lane two more cottages, the property of the Lord of the manor, and occupied severally by **John Hazel & John Lythel**. The conduct of the inhabitants was most praiseworthy, and all appeared to exert themselves to the utmost, and to strain every nerve possible to save what furniture they could, and to stop the progress of the flames. The village is in a general state of alarm, this being the fourth fire we have had in less than so many weeks. Everything has been done that can be thought of, but no traces can be found likely to lead to the author of these diabolical deeds. CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE 19 October, 1850 [cutt]

1850 10 19

Incendiary fires – CIP 19.10.1859 [cutt]

1850 10 26

The fires. Benjamin Perry, a tramping labourer, from Essex was apprehended by Inspector Lees on suspicion of having caused the late fires at Stretham. He was taken before the Red Dr Peacock, and although strong suspicions were entertained, and he gave a very unsatisfactory account of himself during the period of the fires, he was discharged for the want of direct evidence
Cambridge Chronicle 26 October 1850 [cutt]

1850 11 02

sale building ground p1

1850 11 09

The enlightened nineteenth century. A correspondent informs us that "a gentleman farmer went to Trumpington to consult 'a wise woman' as to the origin of the late fires. We do not hear that his journey had led to the discovery of the incendiary. Ch 9 Nov 1850 [cutt]

1850 11 09

reward re fires, p3 CIP

1850 11 09

lecture, p3

1850 11 16

report on concert given by Wesleyan choir for apprentices, shop of Mrs Pigot, p3 CIP

1850 11 23

Isle court, p4

1850 12 07

Ploughing match went on as before 7 Dec.p3

1850 12 07

sale message occ John Lock

1850 12 21

William Langford, publican, disorderly house p4

-o-o-1851-o-o-

shortly before 1851 tithes commuted for land; as were Thetford [VCH p155]

sale Coy lands, Top St [SN142]

was Baptist Sunday school [VCH p158]

census shows 250 inhabited houses, 4 uninhabited and 11 being built; pop 1,231, increase of 124 over 1841; were 14 beer houses & 4 old pubs [CH]; census analysed [SB39]

Richard Freeman, builder Ely, agrees Rev. Baber to build barn and stables opposite rectory for £190 [SB67 d18]

Samuel Lyon, Norfolk, deposits title deeds at Soham as security for a loan of £800 from Ann Read, spinster [SB67 d20]

1851 01 11

Early bird: a thrush's nest with eggs was found in a laurel bush at Orchard House 11 Jan.p7

1851 01 25

Waterbeach Level taxes, p5

1851 02 01

Blacksmith William Ellwood retired and sold up 1 Feb p3

1851 02 01

Frederick Granger, member Bottisham new association, p5

1851 02 08

death Mrs Sarah Jackson, widow late Edward formerly farmer & miller, 92, p4

1851 02 15

Sheep worrying by dogs: Mr Hazel lost 10, Mr Taylor 1 15 Feb.p5

1851 02 22

New pub: sale of the newly erected White Horse public house at the south end of Red Lion Lane 22 Feb p5

1851 02 22

Fire in large stack the property of William Wheeler, butcher on the same place he had suffered in Oct., 1850; because the property destroyed then had not been re-built the fire was confined to his stack 22 Feb.p6

1851 03 01

sessions order removal Mary Ann Newell, single woman from Swaffham Prior to Stretham p7

1851 03 08

Trees: 200 trees on Plantation Farm were for sale 8 Mar p5

1851 03 08

turnpike tolls, p2

1851 03 15

Wm Granger, farmer, summoned non payment poor rates, p3

1851 03 15

sale timber, p1

1851 03 15

Assaulted wife: James Low was found guilty of assaulting his wife and was cautioned 15 Mar p3

1851 03 15

Sarah Charles, widow of the late King Charles and landlady of the Royal Oak died aged 78; the pub was sold 15 Mar. p4, 29 Mar p5

1851 03 29

sale old established Stretham Ferry public house under will late King Charles, with land p5

1851 04 12

death William, youngest son Richard Taylor, farmer, 5, p4

1851 04 12

death infant son J. Granger, 11, p4

1851 04 12

turnpike Stretham ferry, p7

1851 04 12

census revealed there were 250 inhabited houses, 4 uninhabited and 11 being built; there were 658 males and 573 females, a total of 1,231 an increase of 124 over the 1841 figure 12 Apr p7

1851 04 26

lost purse: Mrs Murfitt, a poultry dealer, dropped her purse on Ely market, it contained 11 sovereigns; a Soham man found it and returned it to her, he received 1 sovereign reward 26 Apr p7

1851 04 26

sale Charles in the Oak public house [cutt]

1851 05 03

Royal Oak was advertised again, described as 'newly erected' and including with it land containing 'an inexhaustible supply of brick earth'; an excellent opportunity for a good brick making trade in conjunction with the pub; it made £2,700 3 May p5, 17 May p4

1851 05 10

Protectionist demonstration: W. Read & T.W. Grainger attended a Protectionist demonstration in Ely 10 May p8

1851 05 17

sale pub raised £2,700 p4

1851 05 24

letter from T.W. Granger & S. Granger re tithe rent charges, p5

1851 06 28

Farmhouse newly erected after 1844 fire and occupied by Samuel Coy was for sale, along with house in Short Lane, garden in Brook Lane and fields 28 Jun.pl [cutt]

1851 07 05

sale messuage, cottage p1

1851 07 05

Collapsed at pub: death of Henry Custance, a labourer aged 67, he collapsed at the Chequers 5 Jul.p7

1851 07 05

18 pubs: the Vestry meeting decided to get the new houses assessed and licences for the beer houses; when this was done the village would have 14 beer houses and 4 old pubs for a population of 1,200 5 Jul.p7

1851 07 12

court baron Rev Wm Tipson Marsh ... p2

1851 07 12

sale farm house ... piggeries ... newly erected after fire of 1844; messuage of 8 rooms in Short Lane occ John Sennitt Green & Amiel Coy, land Meadow Field, land between Ferry & turnpike gate; all prop Samuel Coy [NPP]

1851 07 19

boy crushed: a nine-year old boy, William Pledger, fell whilst driving a loaded muck cart and was crushed 19 Jul p5

1851 07 19

magistrates, Harriet Wright assaulted Sarah Morden, allowed to settle, p7

1851 07 26

deaths: John Hazel, farmer; John Langford, 82, farmer 26 Jul and 23 Aug, p4

1851 07 26

marriage George Fitch farmer, Wilburton to Mary Ann Read Hazel, p4

1851 07 26

Grunty fen Roads CIP

1851 07 26

Inquest on Wm Pledger, aged 9 killed while driving a dung cart; employed by Thomas Wright. CIP

1851 08 09

Baptist Anniversary. CIP

1851 08 23

to let farm 140 acres, p1

1851 08 23

death J. Langford, 82, farmer, p4

1851 08 23

death son William Jackson, p10

1851 09 20

Waterbeach Level tolls p1

1851 09 20

Robert Granger bought a horse which dangerous. CIP

1851 09 20

Red Hill Farm: sale stock of Richard Chinery who was quitting 20 Sep p5

1851 09 27

Drunk: 3 local men, Langford, Morris & Fletcher, were summonsed for being drunk, only one was discharged 27 Sep.p7

1851 09 27

Letter about potato disease. CIP

1851 10 04

Joseph & Wm Hazel summoned refusing pay for standing in corn exchange, dismissed, no proof corn sold other than own produce, p7

1851 10 11

Late bird: a birds nest with eggs was discovered in October 11 Oct. p7

1851 10 11

Stocks: William Langford & William Fletcher, labourers, were placed in the stocks for 6 hours for drunkenness 11 Oct.p7

1851 10 25

Assault: Ann Fletcher assaulted Rachel Ringer and was fined 5/- 25 Oct p3

1851 10 25

Purse found in the road, belonged to Haddenham man. CIP

1851 11 01

Richard Langford, labourer, drunk & disorderly, fined 5/-, p7

1851 11 08

marriage George Dimock & Elizabeth Porter, p4

1851 11 08

Small Tenements Act: the Vestry meeting considered adopting the Small Tenements Act and agreed to owners being assessed instead of occupiers 8 Nov.p7

1851 11 29 & 12 06

Ploughing match: the 10th anniversary match was held, 30 ploughs took part and there followed a dinner at the Red Lion for the ploughmen and one at the Chequers for committee and friends. The speeches claimed that this was the oldest ploughing club in the county; there were prizes for drilling, for hedging and for spade-husbandry 6 Dec.p6 [cutt]

1851 12 13

Ploughs: sale of weighing and dressing machines, ploughs etc. the property of Samuel Coy 13 Dec.pl

1851 12 13

Short Lane: sale of neat dwelling house with large garden, orchard and cottage in Short Lane 13 Dec. p1

-o-o- 1852 * -o-o-

1852 01 03

magistrates – Samuel Wright summoned for not looking after mother, p8

1852 01 03

marriage of carpenter p4 CIP

1852 01 03

death from typhus, p4 CIP

1852 01 24

free trade property, p7-8 CIP

1852 01 31

Inquest on Wm Richardson employed by Thomas Granger of the Grange; found hanging from the turnip lodge. CIP

1852 02 07

Charity distribution is reported 7 Feb.p7

1852 03 13

Robbery: a slaughtered pig and utensils were stolen in a robbery at Robert Norman's farm in the fen 13 Mar.p6

1853 03 20

timber sale, p4 CIP

1853 03 27

marriage Read, p4 CIP

1852 03 27

death Elizabeth Clark, p4

1852 04 17

Churchwardens were elected at the Vestry meeting 17 Apr p6

1852 05 01

death Elizabeth Bultitaft, wife miller, p4

1852 05 22

typhus death, p4 CIP

1852 05 29

death William Farrer, typhus p4

1852 05 29

indecent assault, by WM Rowell p8 CIP

1852 06 05

marriage, p4 CIP

1852 06 19

Sale Sun, Fish & Duck part of 51 inns and public houses sold, Nash & co brewery [copy] more details 1852 07 24

1852 07 03 CIP

sale furniture John Graves, brewer – bass viol, ponies, cart, 30 barrels, 20 half-barrels ... 9 and 5-gallon casks ... house premises and brewery to be let on lease ... complete and compact

1852 07 03

sale Morgan brewery pubs includes Sun, Fish & Duck

1852 08 14

sale Nash & co property, includes pubs [NPP]

Sun beer house and two cottages, garden etc sold £566; Fish & Duck and land, £315 [copy]

1852 09 11

drunk & disorderly, p8 CIP

1852 09 22

game certificate, John Granger, p1 CIP

1852 10 09

assault, allowed to settle & 16th CIP

1852 11 06

Fences damaged: a youth, Edward Grainger, damaged gates and fences 6 Nov p6

1852 11 06

newly erected brick & slate dwelling house fronting the road, a tailor's shop adjoining, stable & outhouse as now occupied by Jesse Watts, known as the Sun beer house; also two cottages, harden etc next the high road forming a good building site for several tenements p5 CIP

1852 11 06

magistrates, Edward Granger p8 CIP

1852 11 20

death Luke Curtis senior, 88, p4

1852 11 20

ferry tolls p6

1852 12 18

Inquest was held on young George Murfitt, 11 years old 18 Dec.p6

1852 12 25

death J Dring, Wesleyan preacher p4 CIP

-o-o- 1853 * -o-o-

1853 01 22

serious accident, James Witt and Thomas Granger in Cambridge p4 CIP

1853 01 29

Pig stealing was reported 29 Jan p6

1853 01 29

attempted suicide, p8

1853 01 29

Suicide attempt failed 29 Jan.p6

1853 02 05

Bell Public House was to be let 5 Feb p1, 30 Apr p5

1853 03 05

marriage, p4

1853 03 26

timber sale, p5

1853 04 09

Death from consumption 9 Apr p4

1853 04 16

death Mary Ann Gibbons of consumption, aged 20 CIP 26 Apr

1853 05 07

Dimmock sale p1

1853 05 14

death p1

1853 07 09

death, p4

1853 07 09

sale farmhouse p5

1853 07 30

sale crops, p1

1853 08 20

marriage, p4

1853 09 17

sale John Granger, p1

1853 09 17

sale Wm Edwards Read, p1

1853 10 08

sale p5

1853 12 03

death, p1

-o-o-1854 * -o-o-

plan for shop, office & coal yard, Front Street [SN49]

Wm Edwards Read borrows £8,000 from Robert Ives to pay off Thompson, based on his property [SN50]

1854 01 07

skating match on Old West between Cottenham & Stretham – names [NPP]

1854 01 28

accident near Denny Abbey, p7

1854 02 25

stealing pistol, of Edward Granger p8 CIP

1854 04 01

Chequers inn to let, p1

1854 04 08

sale, p2

1854 04 15

let Chequers ... with expensive premises

1854 05 20

Joseph wrestler blacksmith stole money Irnham Langford CIP

1854 05 27

John Pitchers drover drunk; Samuel Stanley labourer assaulted PC Howe CIP

1854 07 01

Charles Johnson, sessions, p6

1854 08 05

flies kill girl: a horse and cart had been left unattended whilst the cart was being loaded when flies attacked the horse, it bolted and ran into little Mary Ann Rowell, just 5 years old, who was killed 5 Aug 7

1854 10 07

Cambs police court. P6 & 14th p8

1854 10 07

smashing time: one coachman, being considerate did not stop to knock-up the toll-gate keeper at the Ferry but ran his coach straight through the gates, smashing them; he seems to have continued his destructive run towards Ely as 2 milestones were also broken the same night 7 Oct p6

1854 10 14

Light Weight- Wm Vail CIP

1854 11 25

death, p4

1854 12 02

marriage, death p4

-o-o- 1855 -* o-o-

Agreement to build toll house on side turnpike road from S to Wilburton near junction two parishes [SB67 d19 SB72]

bond Wm Wright, hirer of tolls & sureties Isaac Murfitt, higgler & John Denton for tolls at Stretham Ferry Gate, Sutton & Witcham [SB67 d30]

old Cage to be pulled down; suggest road in and out of town pond [SN117]

1855 01 06

Patriotic Fund was the subject of a collection 6 Jan p7

1855 01 06

Edward Jackson, beerhouse keeper, open on Christmas Day CIP

1855 02 10

Lectures in the Red Lion. CIP

1855 02 10

sale Ferry, p1

1855 03 03

wedding, p4

1855 03 03

hay for sale, p5

1855 03 10

death p4

1855 03 24

police court, Thomas Frock damaged fence of John Lutt p8 CIP

1855 03 31

death p4

1855 03 31

parish officers, p7

1855 04 07

death, p4

1855 04 21

turnpike consider removing town gate to junction Stretham & Wilburton parishes

1855 05 12

fire, Green End, 30-40 houses in area, p6

1855 05 19

marriage, p4

1855 05 19

inquest John Pitchford, p7

1855 05 26

two marriages, p4

1855 06 09

Suspicious fire: fire was discovered in a bricked enclosure near a cottage cellar; turf was found to be on fire and although it was easily put out it was a suspicious event 9 Jun p7

1855 06 09

Another fire: a stack was found to be on fire at S Ferry, it was the property of Edward Dimock; a tramp was arrested 9 Jun p7

1855 06 23

Tramp accused: the tramp, from Norfolk, was sent for trial "shutting up all imaginary and false reports; he was not at all connected with S," 23 Jun p7

1855 06 23

death, p4

1855 07 21

magistrates p8

1855 07 21

Wm Brock charged with arson. CIP

1855 07 21

Chas Clark charged by James Coy with rescuing 15 sheep seized for impounding. CIP

1855 07 28

lucifer matches; when the case was brought the tramp admitted the offence but claimed it had been an accident; he had begged lucifer matches from a local cottager and one of these had caused the damage; he was sentenced to 4 years in prison 28 Jul p6

1855 07 28

Reed versus Taylor over tenancy of a farm interesting details, in 1852 the land was flooded and the crop washed out; it increased the twitch. CIP

1855 08 11

Storm: a thunderstorm caused concern 11 Aug p7

1855 08 18

magistrates & 25 – Fletcher, Jackson, Bent, Clark

1855 08 18

Alfred Fletcher labourer damaged fence Mr Hazle, farmer

1855 08 18

Alfred Fletcher damaged fence of Mr Hazel. CIP

1855 08 25

Joseph Jackson threatened Thomas Fletcher and Samuel Jackson damaged his door; Flora Bent assaulted Mary Driver, James Clarke, 14, riding in a cart. CIP

1855 09 15

magistrates – Langford, Sennitt, Will Rose, p8

1855 09 22

Isaac Murfitt, dealer and beerhouse keeper charged stealing beans Edward Sennitt ... has small bean field adjoining and seen by PC Elliott to take a bundle and remove them into his field

1855 09 22

Isaac Murfitt, beerhouse keeper, stole beans from Edward Sennitt. CIP

1855 10 13

William Blinch gave up farming, his stock was sold at a sale in Green End 13 Oct pl

1855 10 20

death, p4

1855 11 24
death Granger, p4

1855 12 01

1855 12 05
turnpike gate removal carried

1855 12 29
Church Clock stopped as no money for winding- poem

-o-o- 1856 * -o-o-

1856 01 19
magistrates – Samuel Wright refused to pay poor rate. p8 CIP

1856 02 16
magistrates, Jackson, p8

1856 03 29
death p8

1856 05 10
Addenbrooke's hospital benefited from a collection 10 May p4

1856 05 17
court baron, p2

1856 07 05
accident at railway crossing, horse killed p6

1856 07 05
appeal against poors rate, p6

1856 08 09
short brick & tile tenement & barn Short Lane occ John Lutt, p1

1856 08 23
magistrates, blacksmith named Thomas Sutton p8 CIP

1856 09 06
magistrates,, HenryWheeler assaulted John and Maria Coatman p8 CIP

1856 09 27
sale p5

1856 10 04
sale farmstock Wm Charles p5

1856 10 25
death p4

1856 11 15
church rate, Joseph Howell had not paid he claimed it was illegal as it did not specify what it was to be used for; estimate for repair of church p8 CIP

magistrates, p8

1856 11 22
death p4

1856 11 29
Drunk: labourers were found drunk 29 Nov.p8

1856 12 13
Thomas Frohock, labourer, James Rowell stole ice patterns CIP

1856 12 13
Valuation of the parish; Charles Wright of Red Hill Farm claimed he was over rated and Thomas Waddelow Granger was under rated CIP

1856 12 20
Commendable: William Murfitt raises 6 children without parochial relief 20 Dec p6
Death, p4
Agricultural society class c, p6

-o-o- 1857 * -o-o- ...

theft from Ancient Shepherd's box, Red Lion [SN142]

1857 01 10
court – guns stolen from Mr Granger by James Rowell and Thomas Frock p6 CIP

1857 01 17
death Gibbons, 79, p4

1857 01 31
magistrates – beer house, also Mayle v Wright p8

1857 02 14
Red Lion: a lecture was held at the Red Lion 14 Feb p6

1857 02 14
Bootmakers: boot and shoemakers held a meeting to discuss raising their prices 14 Feb.p6 CIP

1857 03 07
sessions – Henry Sennitt, p8

1857 03 21
Wm Crow and James Lock labourers drunk. CIP

1857 03 28
deaths p4
un-natural offence, Thomas Sutton not guilty p2 CIP

1857 04 04
Langford Hazel cut off finger in chaff cutter.CIP

1857 04 18
affiliation case Thomas Sutton charged fathering child of Eliza Granger; not guilty p7 CIP

1857 04 25

Camb Angling Soc hire Stretham drains. CIP

1857 05 02

overseers accounts p4

1857 05 30

court baron p2

1857 06 20

Ancient shepherds lodge: at the county court at Ely on Tuesday the trustees of this lodge brought an action against John Clarke for the balance of £15 which they allege is due to them. Mr Garret appeared for the Trustees & Mr Naylor was council for the defendant. For the plaintiff it appeared that the defendant was president & treasurer for the last year and that when he gave up there appeared by the defendant's own accounts to be a balance due to the club of £15. In cross-examination by the defendants council it came out that the president had only the key of a little cash box which was placed inside another which had two locks and keys, the latter being kept by the stewards. It also appeared that the big box was kept by the landlord of the Red Lion in his bedroom & that the key was kept by his wife. Mr Naylor contended that there was no admission here that the defendant had committed a breach of trust, all that he admitted was that the money had been put into the box from which it was no doubt stolen by someone. Defendant swore positively that he had never been to the box but three times when the landlady was present who saw him take £1 on two occasions and 30/- on the other. The Judge strongly commented on the folly of having three locks & trusting all the keys to one man - he ought to have further evidence before he found for the plaintiff & deferred the case to the next court. 20 Jun 1857

1857 06 20

Death by scolding, child of Ferry publican, Parnell p3, p7

1857 07 25

deaths, p4

inquest baby, child of Mary Ann Coatman, single woman. CIPp6

1857 08 22

Inquest on Dyson Parnell who died at the Ferry pub 22 Aug p7

1857 09 05

death James Lockwood labourer fell from cart. p4 CIP

1857 10 04

sale Tibbit, p1

1857 10 17

Brick kiln: there was an inquest on John Housden, 11, the son of a brick maker at S. brick kiln 17 Oct. p7

Sale business premises p1

Benefit club, p7

Magistrates, p8

1857 10 24

marriage p4

1857 11 14

Benefit society court case was reported on treasurer 14 Nov p6

1857 12 12
death p4

1857 12 19
Grunty Fen claims p8

1857 12 19
Parish roads in poor repair CIP

1857 12 26
magistrates – stealing, p5

-o-o-1858 * -o-o-

barrister fights for allotments in Grunty Fen for the poor as they have been used for last 20 years [CH SN142]
death of William Edwards Read; leaves insufficient funds to pay funeral expenses & discharge mortgage; executors raise £2,000 on security of property from Robert Ives; no property to be sold until youngest child Joseph reaches 21 years [SN4 SN50]
bond Wm Wright, hirer of tolls & sureties Isaac Murfitt, higgler & John Denton for renewal tolls at Stretham Ferry Gate, Sutton & Witcham [SB67 d30]
Charles Sennitt begins shop keeping [SB75]
Robert Norman takes Tiled House Farm, Berridge to Engine Farm, King & Wm Charles High Fen Farm, Wm Driver Bridge House [SB75]
Henry Bultift cuts his throat, 23rd July [SB75]
Thomas Waddelow Granger dies 21 Nov; sale 1859, 26 Jan made nearly £2,000 [SB75 SN142]

1858 01 02 CIP
Dyson Parnell, innkeeper Stretham charged being open for sale of beer before 12.30 on 25th December – dismissed

1858 01 09
death p4

1858 01 16
Star of Bethlehem Lodge satisfactory CIP

1858 02 20
death p4
magistrates – drunk, 6 hours in stock, p8

1858 02 06
James Dring Baptist minister lectures CIP

1858 02 27
Bell Public House: this was advertised for sale 27 Feb p8
Parish officers p7

1858 03 27
Parish Officers elected 27 Mar.p7

1858 04 24
The Poor's rights in Grunty Fen
At the meeting on Monday, before the Commissioners, Mr Naylor, the barrister, appeared on behalf of the poor people of Stretham, who had used the fen without stint for upwards of twenty years, to

claim for each of them an allotment. He stated at the onset that his clients did not claim by right of any house or land but they simply claimed because they had used it for upwards of twenty years. The were like tenants in common, each possessing as much as the other, all that portion which had been used or was capable of being used for turf digging. He then proceeded to show that such rights were recognised by various Acts of Parliament, and that passed in the 23rd of Elizabeth, c.11, was most precise in recognising the rights for which he now claimed. It was the first act passed for the drainage of the fens, and recited that the greatest parts of the lands were wastes & commons, "wherein divers have common by prescription by reason of their residency (ie residence) and inhabetancy, which kind of commons, nor their interest therein, can by the common law be extinguished or granted to bind others which should inhabit there afterwards. It was, therefore, plain that rights by reason of inhabitancy, and pertaining to the individual alone, were recognised so early as Queen Elizabeth, and he trusted that these poor people, who had gained the estate by user, would not be deprived of it now. The Commissioner said he had never heard of such rights before: they were quite new to him. Mr Pell, who was the objector, said that all decisions were against Mr Naylor's view. Mr Naylor said all the decisions had references to inclosures where Lords of Manors had rights, but in this case he protested against the assumption that any Lords of the Manor had rights over Grunty Fen. He would leave the rights of the Crown to others now, but he trusted that the claims he made would be deliberately considered and that impartial justice would be done to poor as well as rich. 24th April 1858

1858 05 29

magistrates –Isaac Murfitt a Butcher charged with assault p7 CIP

1858 06 12

assault Fyson v Hazel p7 – plaintiff while Overseer had vexaciously issued a distress warrant for non-payment of Poor's rate ... was plenty of room also CIP 19 Jun 1858 [NPP]

1858 06 12

Wm Fletcher drunk CIP

1858 06 19

storm, p7

magistrates – blacksmith, p8

Joseph Fison said Joseph Hazel drove into his cart- long account CIP

Star of Beth dinner CIP

1858 07 17

Wesleyan Treat CIP

1858 07 31

Suicide Henry Bultitaft publican CIP

1858 08 07

assault, Henry Shipp wounded Norman Gotobed with a reaping hookp8 CIP

1858 08 14

assault, p5

1858 08 28

magistrates – butcher, p8

1858 09 04

magistrates, Susan Frohock threatens Susan Mills CIPp8

1858 09 26

sale p5

1858 09 27
sessions – Sharpe, p6

1858 10 02
sale live stock John Granger on farm near engine

1858 10 23
Henry Shipp assaulted Norman Gotobed - guilty CIP

1858 10 30
inquest John Wesley, aged 1, p6
Sharpe cautioned p6

1858 11 06
death p6

1858 11 27
Accident: James Rowell shot 27 Nov.p6

1858 12 18
missions p6

1858 12 25
Joseph Rowell stole a fowl from John Ward CIP

-o-o-1859-o-o-

Wm Edwards Read executors borrow further £1,000 from Clement Francis
fire up Brooks Lane burnt barn and hay belonging Wm Blinch 16 Jul; fire Woottens 30 Oct [SB75]
John Pumphrey killed by lightning, Thomas Sennitt also cut down [SB75]
Ann Granger, Thetford died, Nov 13th; they would not let the corpse go in church [SB75]
Walker Green killed on Ely road not far from sand pits [SB75]
Edward Lowe starts as carrier [SN142]

1859 01 15
T.W. Granger: sale of stock of the late Mr Granger, Grange Farm 15 Jan.pl [cutt]

1859 11 15
Wm Walter Green falls from cart, killed CIP
1859 02 05

Dove House: occ J. Courtman, a labourer whilst a wife was heating the oven just below the thatch there was a crack in the top and the straw above caught fire; PC Jeffrey and others put it out in 15 minutes 5 Feb.p6

1859 03 27
fires in cottages & at wheelwrights, reward offered over arson at Mary Gibbons [CH]; Fire in Green End, Matthew Sargent had a pig burnt – it ran into firing lodge and was burnt to death, but pig sty saved; his house was burnt & the widow Gibbons house too, 27 Mar 1859 [SB75];

1859 04 02
Fire; 3 cottages built of clay and thatch occupied Wm Parnell, two women named Giddens, the cottage property of Mrs Langford of Chatteris, insured as is part of furniture; a lodge attached to house Matthew L- , labourer, and some pigs were destroyed in Green End 2 Apr. p7

1859 04 02

Stretham for several years past the youth of the village have been unable to enjoy themselves at cricket for want of a ground in which they might practice. This ... has been surmounted through the liberality of Mr Fison of the Manor farm who has kindly granted them the use of an excellent ground. On Friday evening a number assembled at the Crown Inn for the purpose of establishing a club for the furtherance of this desirable object, when a club was formed officers were appointed and rules drawn up. The members have already commenced practice; and judging from appearances there is no doubt they will rapidly improve and long may the club continue to flourish Ch 1859 Apr 2 p8 [cutt] [NPP]

1859 04 30

Rev Robert Raynbird: presentation of plate to curate who is now leaving after 15 years 30 Apr.p6

1859 05 14

Affiliation case: Frohock versus Lythel again heard and again dismissed an attempt to force her illegitimate child on defendant. ... 'great immorality in the parish' 14 May p6

Frohock v Lythel – an attempt to foist her illegitimate child on defendant whose appearance indicated friends above the ordinary run of labourers ... a development of great immorality in the parish ... only another attempt to affiliate the child on one to whom it did not belong

1859 05 21

Manor court, p2

1859 05 28

Strike: Grunty Fen men engaged on drainage work strike over pay, Ely feared a riot would take place 28 May p6

1859 06 04

Inquest on John Pumfrey killed by lightning whilst hoeing wheat 4 June p6 [NPP]

1859 07 02

Stretham v Witchford cricket : Stretham names T. Woods, F. Woolton, W. Hopkin, J. Dimmock, J. Read, W. Stanley, C. Wright, L. Hazel, T. Parish, W. Sennitt, G. Sennitt Ch 1859 Jul 2 p8

1859 07 09

Sarah Morden prostitute drunk CIP

1859 07 16

Sale farm homestead now in two tenements with barns ... occup Edward Granger ... lying near Plantation Lane and Brooks Lane

1859 07 23

Fire; premises of W.W. Blinch, lost barns, stables, etc horses were rescued 23 Jul p7

1859 07 23

Cricket match against Witchford 23 Jul p8

1859 07 30

Deficient weights: William Langford, a butcher was fined for having 5 of these 30 Jul p8

1859 08 13

Grunty Fen enclosure: carts wanted for several thousand yards of burnt ballast and gravel 13 Aug p5

1859 09 03

Waterbeach Level tolls, p2

1859 09 17

Isaac Sennitt farmer summoned to maintain an illegitimate child dismissed CIP

1859 10 01

Sale: James Coy, wheelwrights stock in trade 1 Oct.p5

Inquest Aldreth man run over by own cart near Stretham, p6

Rebecca Morden assault Mary Ann Morden, p8

1859 10 15

Luke Curtiss wants an apprentice CIP

Rev E W Cory curate,marries CIP

1859 11 05

Wheelwrights large fire: premises of Edward Wootton, about midnight; broke out at shop adjoining house and the house and timber soon on fire; also a thatched lodge belonging to Captain Bevel occ Mr Day was destroyed. Owing efforts of the inhabitants large amount of property saved, there being a line of stacks which had they caught fire would have destroyed houses a little way off. Mr Wootton had time to rescue his wife and family. All the tools of three or four of Mr Wootton's carpenters which were in their chests, were consumed. Mr Wootton had a large stock of timber in his yard ... not the slightest doubt that was incendiarism and police active CIP [NPP] barn lost, arrested 'by a few' Ch 5 Nov p6 [cutt]

1859 11 12

Reward offered for the conviction of arson at the premises of Mary Gibbons on 28th

March 12, Wm Wright Blinch 16 Jul, & Edward Wootton 30 Oct; signed Fred Granger & Rich Langford, churchwardens 12 Nov. p2

1859 11 12

Churchwardens: William Wright Blinch and Edward Wootton were signed on 12 Nov.p2
Grunty fen drainage p2

1859 11 19

Addenbrooke's Hospital sermon raised £5.19.5 p3

1859 12 24

death Jos Bell, 14 p4

-o-o- 1860 -o-o-

water nearly to top of river banks, May, December very cold [SN40]

Charles Sennitt baptised at Ferry Bridge, 6 May [SB75]

Grunty Fen pay Littleport & Downham to take their water [ES 31.10.1941]

1860 01 07

Assault: George Oatman assaulted Fred Parish, Robert Wheeler absented himself from his master, J. Coxall, farmer 7 Jan.p8

1860 01 14

William Lythell accused of fathering bastard child Sarah Jane Frohock p5

1860 01 28

Affiliation case: Frohock & Lythell new evidence comprising 'confession': case dismissed; both very young, conduct girl depraved

1860 02 04

James Sennitt, labourer, charged by Edward Dimock being on his premises for unlawful purpose, dismissed, p8 CIP

1860 02 18

Accident: William Langford, a butcher was thrown out and killed when his cart and another collided; he had attended Cambridge market for 40 years and Mr Gotobed also involved. 18 Feb.p6
Death J Everitt, 73 also Thomas Fletcher, 65

1860 02 25

Wm Langford creditors to apply p1
Death Mrs Sarah Cropley, 38 & Mary Westley, 60 p4

1860 03 03

Robert Wheeler imprisoned for absconding, p2 CIP
Sale cattle etc Francis Langford
Terrific gale of wind; blew lead of the toll gate house between Stretham and Ely CIP

1860 03 17

Rev R Beeby appointed curate. CIP

1860 04 14

Guardians Ely Union, Stretham Samuel Wright, p6

1860 04 21

Elizabeth Money charged stealing ribbon and artificial flowers. CIP

1860 04 28

Grunty Fen inclosure, all horses etc impounded p5

1860 06 30

Grunty Fen sale, two allotments, p5

1860 07 07

Jos Drever assaulted Jos Hazle, farmer p8

1860 07 14

deaths Edward Granger, 35; J. Edith 36, Jacob Smith 55, p4

1860 08 11

Cricket: Stretham versus Witchford 11 Aug p8

1860 08 18

Sarah Pope died of typhus leaving 7 children ill with typhus 18 Aug p4

1860 09 08

Waterbeach Level tolls

1860 09 22

Edward Granger: sale of stock including steam threshing machine 22 Sep p1

1860 09 29

Geo Lythell grocer unjust weighing machine CIP

1860 10 06

Gravel Farm: sale of stock of Moses Tebbit 6 Oct.p5

1860 10 13

sale furniture etc Edward Granger, p1

sale stock John Coxall, Dimocks Cote, leaving farm, p5

1860 12 08

Mary Jackson obtained goods under false pretences from Chas Sennitt grocer. CIP

1860 12 15

William Howe blacksmith died aged 38 15 Dec.p4.

1860 12 29

death Florence Grace Blinch, infant daughter Samuel, p4

Tickets for coal were distributed by the Charity Trustees from 11/- to 18/- 28 Dec p7

-o-o- 1861 -o-o-

lordship divided between Lt-Col. Sir G.H.S. Willis & Rev W.N.T. Marsh in right of their wives who were Morgan's two daughters [VCH p154 SN164]

hurricane, Feb [SN40]

large sale property, Jun [SN40]

census analysed [SB39]

collect subscriptions repair church spire & tower [SN117]

1861 01 05

Robert Driver assaulted at Oxloode when he tried to execute a warrant .CIP

1861 01 26

Seasonable relief – different charities ... two shillings a head for clothing ... coal ... has been difficulty getting the coals to Stretham by water; Mr Langford, respected farmer, lent six of his horses to convey them to their destination so poor not kept out of their coal through the un-navigable state of the river – copied

Thomas Berridge farmer assault on James Camp labourer. CIP

1861 01 23

Thomas Berridge farmer assaulted Paul Parrish. CIP

1861 04 06

Sale land Grunty Fen 5a White Cross Road

1861 04 06

Vestry meeting passed as usual 6 Apr.p7

Rifle corp target shooting vWhittlesey Volunteers

1861 04 20

John Richardson assaulted Charlotte Langford. CIP

1861 06 22

Church Rate opposed. CIP

Wesleyan Chapel services and tea meeting in a barn. CIP

1861 07 06

Concert by Mr Jackman. audience was as good as might be expected CIP

1861 08 17

Wm Vail beer house keeper Stretham Ferry deficient measures. CIP

1861 09 21

Harvest sermon was held 21 Sept p6

1861 10 05

7 cottages destroyed: in October the arsonist struck; he set fire to a thatched cottage belonging to John Bent, who had moved in only the day before; the fire spread until 7 cottages and a barn were consumed, fire fighting being hindered by a strong wind, a lack of water, and a large crowd of onlookers who took no part; by the exertions of only a few the fire was brought under control. The area was covered by a very dense mass of old buildings. A young man, Thomas Frohock, who had left the pub and passed near to the site just before the fire started was arrested, but there was no direct evidence and he was released 3 Cottages belonged to John Bent, two to Richard Bent another to Mr Warren, Mr Smith and two to Mr Aphorpe of Cambridge Have been several fires in Stretham in the last year 5 Oct. p7

1861 11 30 CIP

Thomas Gotobed drove furiously Ely

1861 12 21

Sermon was preached for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel 21 Dec, p6

-o-o- 1862 -o-o-

incendiarism, Green End [CH]; Jan : another fire Zachariah Rowell's old house & small lodge; he was insured for £50 but sent in bill for £120; Jun 3 : fire in Green End at old Mrs Drever's [SN40] – diary records [SB38p52]; 10 January burnt Dimmock's cottage supposed to be set on fire [SB75]; 3rd June, Driver's premises burnt Green End, not a very satisfactory account about it [SB75]

Mrs Read buried 21st Jan [SB75]

baptism at Ferry, four baptised [SN40]

1862 01 04

Sales – field occ Wm Wright Blinch, brick house Short Lane J. Sennit Green, cottage occ Wm Coy, allot Grunty Fen Coywere held p3

1862 01 11

sale land occ Francis Langford of Red Lion p3

1862 01 18

death Mary Ann Read, late W.E.R. p2

Waterbeach Level rates p3

Clothing and coal tickets were distributed by the Charity Trustees, value ranged from 11/- to 17/- according to the number of children 18 Jan. p6

Green End fire: at 11 pm Friday, near the site of the fire in Sept 1861: 2 cottages were destroyed and 2 lodges pulled down and cleared to make a fire break otherwise there would have been greater destruction as there were several old thatched cottages adjacent - definitely deliberate arson; names : Zackaria Rowell, J. Parnell, J. & E. Dimock 18 Jan. p6

1862 01 25

Deaths: Mary Gibbons, 84, dead in bed Jan. p7, 1 Feb p4 [NPP]

1862 02 01

death John Parnell, 75, p4

1862 02 08

Another fire: in three thatched tenements belong J.S. Sharp, cause not traced 8 Feb p6

Wm Lythell drunk & riotous p8

1862 03 08

Grunty Fen inclosure, p2

1862 03 29

J. Rowell committed Cambridge castle for desertion, awaiting escort, p8

1862 04 05

marriage Stephen Porter to Elizabeth Coxall, Stretham fen p4

1862 04 12

Grunty Fen inclosure p2

1862 04 26

Churchwardens: F Granger & Richard Langford were re-elected 26 Apr p6

Furious driving: Edward Jones was fined 1/- costs 14/6 26 Apr p8

1862 05 03

Manor court 3 May p2

Ely Union p7

1862 05 24

Central houses: sale 3 convenient & substantially erected tenements with small front yard in centre village, rental £9 24 May p5

sale: allotment Francis Langford p5

1862 05 31

Thomas Berridge farmer charged assault on Ellen Drever 15 by pulling her about. CIP

1862 06 07

let: farm Stretham fen 128 a. apply David Parish p5

fire no 3 11.30 pm, back part of an old cottage in Green End occupied Mrs Drever & son, quickly spread to adjacent cottage occupied another son, arson suspected 7 June p6

1862 06 21

cricket – names of team p8

1862 06 28

Grunty Fen inclosure p1

1862 07 19

Cricket team: S. beat Lt. Downham by 7 wickets; our team was L. Hazel, C. Taylor, J. Dimock, B. Casburn, E. Hills, C. Hopkin, G.P. Sennitt, T.G. Parish, C.K. Sennitt, G.H. Sennitt, J. Ellwood, J. Hopkins, B. Crane, F. Wootton, T. Berridge. We won the return match by 58 runs 19 Jul p8

1862 08 16

Seven Stars: sale of the pub adjacent to Ouse and Ferry Bridge between Thetford and Soham 16 Aug p4

1862 08 23

J. Murfitt lab assault Mary wife Wm Fletcher, fined 10/- p8

1862 08 30

No poaching: game preserved notice 30 Aug.p5

1862 09 06

Servant assaulted: Mary Wright, married woman, assaulted Mary Ann Baker, her servant; fined 27/- 6 Sep.p8

1862 09 20

sermon by Rev G. Bulstrode, curate Prickwillow p6

Geo Langford lab theft plums from Ed Sennitt;Isaac Murfitt and J Bultitaft incorrect weights.CIP

1862 09 27

Robert Day's stock was sold 27 Sep p5

1862 10 04

Geo Norman lab drunk.CIP

1862 10 11

Assault: Mary Fletcher assaulted Sarah Constable, fined 6d, costs 13/6 11 Oct p8

1862 10 25

birth wife Rev E.W. Cory, curate, a daughter p4

1862 11 15

Grunty Fen drainage p5

1862 11 29

James Sennitt, lab. Broke down fence Jonathan Fison, fined p8

1862 12 13

Distressed operatives in Lancashire were the subject of special sermons 13 Dec p8

-o-o- 1863 * -o-o-

Dec : terrible windy, blew thatch off buildings wholesale [SN40] work on windmill [SN153]

1863 01 10

Provident Friendly Society was reported 10 Jan.p6

Christmas charity p6

Charles Wright, farmer drunk

1863 01 17

William Subbings, innkeeper permitted drunkenness

Charity distribute tickets for clothing

1863 01 24

James Rowell, labourer, charged by PC Turner for poaching – dismissed

1863 02 07

William Parnell and Thomas Frohock, labourers, drunk & riotous in street

1863 02 14

William Darnell, labourer, drunk – CIP

1863 02 28

Pugilism: we were invaded by a group of the fancy from Haddenham ... across Grunty Fen and selected a piece of ground in the rear of the Quarter House ... ring formed; combatants a blacksmith named Macer and an ex-schoolmaster called Philips ... pummelled each other ... details ... borne home to Haddenham CIP [NPP]

1863 03 07

Royal Wedding: the village celebrated the wedding of the future King Edward VII and Princess Alexandra of Denmark. The streets were decorated with flags and banners, and in the centre a triumphal arch was built incorporating a crown and the message 'Long Live the Prince and Princess'. At noon the children processed to a field for an afternoon of sports, with all the village participating. Old ladies raced for prizes of tea, young and old men for money and tobacco; there were donkey races, with the jockeys riding backwards; races in which men wheeled barrows - blindfold; there was jumping in sacks, fire balloons and fun. At 5 o'clock 900 people took tea in a large barn lent by Mr Mitchell and the celebrations concluded with a large display of fireworks. The activities had been organised by a committee including the Sunday School teachers and all agreed that the expenditure of £30 was well worth while 7 Mar. & 14 Mar.p6 [NPP]

1863 03 21

William Crow, labourer, damaged mugs Rhoda Bultitaft, innkeeper

1863 03 21

Wm Wright had fast-trotting mare, one fastest in country

1863 05 02

C.K. Sennitt, grocer, marries Martha Wootton

1863 06 06

Joseph Read, farmer, charged being father of illegitimate child of Phoebe Stutrings of Witchford

1863 06 20

Thetford church rate – pro-rate party, after repeated defeats try again ... everything must be done legally or the Liberation Society may again be consulted. It was hoped that the defeat at Stretham some years since would have taught the lesson

1863 06 27

Thetford vestry make rate repair church ... poor state, thatched edifice ... opposition ... the Misses Baber would subscribe £100; a building with none but barn like pretensions

1863 06 27

cricket v Ely – teams

1863 07 18

William Parnell, labourer, charged drunk & riotous, fined

1863 08 15

Joseph Wheeler, labourer, charged theft scythe from Wm Hazle; imprisoned 6 months, five previous convictions

1863 09 12

Harvest thanksgiving service was held 12 Sep p7

Death Hannah, wife Samuel Blinch, farmer

1863 09 26 CIP

Sale farm Thomas Berridge near Stretham engine

1863 10 24

Mary Gibbons, dau late Richard, marries in London

1863 10 31

James McColly & Walter Goodliffe, tramps – abusive

1863 11 14

Tramps begging from house to house. CIP

1863 12 05

C.K. Sennitt, grocer, draper & general dealer advertisement

1853 12 26

Robert Wheeler, jun, labourer charged vagrancy; he made his escape from PC Turner

-o-o- 1864 -o-o-

coprolites

start Grunty Fen railway [CH]

1864 01 09

Propagation society sermon, p6

Distribution of tickets for coal and clothing from the Charity trustees; value ranged from 5/- to 16/- p8

1864 01 30

Grunty Fen taxes Thomas Parish the younger appointed collector p3

newspaper correspondent; the death was reported of David Parish the local newspaper correspondent, parish clerk, schoolmaster, collector of rates and taxes, surveyor of Grunty Fen road, secretary of the Provident Friendly Society etc; there was a long train of mourners with boys of the school bringing up the rear 30 Jan.p6

Policeman arrested: John Turner, Police constable of S. was charged with beating Robert Wheeler with his truncheon whilst arresting him for vagrancy; the policeman was sentenced to 14 days in prison 30 Jan.p8

1864 02 13

John Turner PC stationed at Stretham charged with violation of his duty in severely wounding the head of a vagrant. 14 days imprisonment and dismissed the force. CIP

1864 04 16

Cottages: sale of clump cottages next the Meeting House 16 Apr p5

1864 05 21

Manor court p2

1864 09 10

Suicide of Mrs Wright, wife of Mr Chas Wright farmer', Red Hill Farm - she cut her throat. Was an industrious woman but did not live happily and in a despondent state of mind she was found on the floor. Verdict temporary insanity. nb not to be confused with Chas Wright which another respected family. 10 Sep p7

1864 09 17

Turnpike tolls let p2

1864 10 08

Curate: presentation to E.W. Cory, curate for 5½ years of a gilt clock and silver butter knife and cooler 8 Oct p6

Harvest thanksgiving

James & Wm Fletcher labs charged drunkenness p8

1864 10 29

death Matt Clarke, 84 p4

1864 11 05

marriage Henry Wm Stanley, builder to Selina Parish, p4

1864 11 12

Ely Sutton railway apply act to extend to St Ives p2

Chas F Wright was at the Green Lion in Short Street Cambridge where met the three prisoners and drank together and was robbed at a brothel; also 1864 11 19 CIP

1864 11 19

Jos Granger labourer dismissed charge assault Jos Bent,
John Everitt lab & John Murfitt drunk & riotous at 4 am p7

1864 11 19

Miss F Moore of the Egyptian Hall London to give a grand classical entertainment. CIP & see 1865 01 21

1864 11 26

Jos Granger fined for assault on Jos Bent p7

1864 12 24

mud knee deep: the poor state of the road leading to the fen - amongst the many disgraceful roads in the parish; this was used by 100 men and small farmers every day and to avoid wading through mud they used to go through the fence on to the land adjacent; the owner of this land brought an action to stop this practice being recognised as a public right of way. The road (Green End) had mud knee deep and farmers had to use an extra horse per load of manure,, Capt Beville had offered £100 to repair it as it was a bridle way and probably repairable by parish; only wanted to stop trespass, Thos Frohock, Edward Vail, Henry Shipp, Francis Langford accused by Thos Clark 24 Dec.p6 & 7

-o-o- 1865 -o-o-

consider steps make Gravel Road & onwards to Mr Sutton railway crossing & road leading to Grunty Fen called Broad Balk into hard roads [SN117]

Orchard House & estates W.E. Read sold by executors to discharge mortgage, now youngest son 21; comprises 463 acres including Gravel Farm, Dimock's Cote Farm, Luke Curtis grocers shop; Orchard House occupied by Frederick Grainger who buys Orchard House etc for £880 [CH SN50] sales [SN149 SN142]

Wrights sell up, leaving Red Hill Farm [CH]

several children died with the crook [SB75]

terrible cattle plague causes havoc ... seems no cure; day of prayer – not happening here yet [SN40]

1865 01 07

S.P.G.: the annual sermon on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts realised a collection of £8.12.0. 7 Jan p6

1865 01 14

Waterbeach Level p5

Railway: construction of the Ely-Haddenham-Sutton started 14 Jan.p6

Seasonal gifts CIP

1865 01 21

Ambrose Gray, gypsy, charged theft of dog property Wm Gooby, reprimand, 5/6 costs p7

Concert songs were paltry character song in a room ornamented with mottos from the bible.

Afterwards vocalists went to the house of one of the promoters, drank to repletion and swore oaths at each other would have fought if able to stand. If Strethamites feel inclined to hold another concert, beware. CIP [scan]

1865 02 11

death Stretham Ferry, Mary Ann wife Charles Wright, only dau J. Levett, Stretham Farmer p4

1865 03 11

Theft of fowls: James Rowell & Thomas Frohock were charged with the theft of 10 fowls from Samuel Wright; they were remanded and committed for trial 11 Mar.p8

1865 03 25

Collapsed: an inquest was held on John Pitchers, aged 37 who collapsed after leaving the White Lion 25 Mar.p6

1865 04 01

Fowl trial: Thomas Frohock was acquitted but James Rowell was imprisoned for 6 months 1st Apr p6

1865 04 08

theft: Rowell pleaded guilty, swore Frohock assisted in theft, shared plunder; Frohock acquitted, Rowell gets 6 months Ely prison for each offence p6
Details 15 April CIP

1865 04 15

Ely union, S.G. Morgan & G. Vipan

1865 04 22

death Mary Murfitt, 85 & Edward Brown, 41 p4

1865 05 13

Manor Court

1865 05 20

sale land W.E. Read, 460 a, Gravel Farm p5 [cutt]

J. Chapman, Lab assaulted Wm Hazle, butcher of Wilburton p5

1865 06 03

Artist: Benjamin Pope won 5th prize in the Art Union show 3 Jun.p6

Window broken: Joseph Read, yeoman, was fined 7/4 with 15/6 costs for damaging a tailor's window in Ely 3 Jun 8

1865 06 17

Orchard House: a sale of the estates of W.E. Read was held; a total acreage of 463 acres was disposed of with, in addition the Gravel Farm house, Dimock's Cote farm, Orchard House and a grocers shop occupied by Luke Curtis (the present post office) 17 Jun p5

1865 06 24

Jos Read, farmer charged assault Ann Clements, neither appeared & dismissed, p6

Cricket: S did the double over Sutton 17 Jun 24 Jun

Book Club meeting at the Red Lion, new members are joining sec. E Stanley. CIP [scan]

1865 07 29

sale W.E. Read estate not sold by auction, now private contract p5

WM Morris father of child of Esther Lythell. CIP

1865 08 12

John Blinch Dimmock farmer father of child of Eliza Toats of Wilburton. CIP

1865 08 26

Ely – Sutton railway, loans, mortgage p1

1865 09 02

sale land W.E. Read, p5

1865 09 16

Edward Dimock died, 'highly respected', aged 65 16 Sep.p4

1865 09 23

Amputation: Rebecca Rowell was working with a steam, threshing machine when her right foot was drawn in; it mutilated her foot and lower leg and she needed amputation at Red Hill Farm 23 Sep.p6

1865 09 30

Railway: John Gooby's son was charged by Gt. Eastern Railway police with placing a chair on the inner rail of the railway line; he was discharged as he was only 7 years old 30 Sep p7

1865 10 07

death Wm Lockwood, 17 & Wm Hazel farmer, 70 p4

Red Hill Farm: Samuel & Charles Wright sold up on leaving Red Hill Farm 7 Oct.p5,14 Oct p3

Addenbrooke's: the harvest thanksgiving collection raised £7-9-4 for Addenbrooke's Hospital 7 Oct p7

1865 10 14

Aaron Morris lab assaults Isaac Brown p7

Wm Yarrow, beer retailer, deficient measure, p7

1865 11 18

marriage David Murfitt to Sarah Ann Green & Isaac Brown to Eliz Parish, p
SPCK

David Roads ,engine driver father of Lucy Cundle's child. CIP

1865 12 02

Sutton station started p6

o-o- 1866 -o-o-

cattle plague, only 23 out of 36 herds escape, Mr Muncey, opulent farmer suffers severely; Sennitt lost all his cow stock, Hazel's dead, Fyson, Plantation, has lost many - more details [SN40 SB75 CH]

Methodist chapel – formerly 5 cottages, for school house & play area behind old chapel [SN58]
Grunty fen railway opens [CH]

steeple repaired & new weathercock put up, strong wind blows scaffolding [Stitt p9 SB75]
John Wesley got his foot smashed by threshing engine, Nov.3rd [SB38p52 SB75]
John Denton purchased 30 acres of field 615 & rents other for coprolites along 2 mile stretch from Stretham Ferry Bridge to Stretham along northern bank of Ouse and on to Lt Thetford. In 1870 Thos Hall anxious to get started on new seam & erects washing mill and shed. Quite possible that other local farmers had fossils raised, employing own labourers; where found on larger scale they invited contractor & he brought gangs. This led to confrontations, incendiarism. Ramp erected up river bank to barges. 1871 first documented agreement; yearly tenant, Wm Drever compensated for land out of cultivation, work up to 15 feet at 2 ½ acres a year for 4 years. 1871 census shows only 6 men diggers and 2 girls as pickers. Stretham coprolites never exceed £100 per acre. Working west of Manor Farm prior to 1874 on site present sewage works & further East. Others under Middle Common, NE of Ferry Bridge and mile south of church were worked between 1875 and 1883 & further E on other side Green End Road. Over 7 acres worked opposite Stretham Engine & in work before 1891. On S bank of Ouse workings below Stretham Ferry Bridge worked before 1882. Was revival of work between 1879-82 after which imports brought prices down. 1887 OS map shows disused Fossil mills not far from Royal Oak which would have been frequented by diggers. Was further revival at end of 1880s when due to high unemployment some landowners allowed work to continue at reduced royalties. 1891, Nov 7 p7 CIP reports that work stopped because of rain “These small works are great boon to village as they employ all the surplus labour which otherwise would be out of work during winter. Is remains of bank left when work finished & some uneven fields [SB59]

1866 02 17

Cattle plague: between August 1865 and 3rd February 1866 only 23 out of 36 herds had escaped the ravages of the plague; 2 cattle died and 11 were slaughtered 3rd & 17 p6

1866 03 03

Feofees trustees distribution p7 CIP

1866 03 10

In district B for inspection cattle, p2

W.E. Reed dec 1858, will proved June 1858 by Mary Ann Read, now deceased, relict, Fred Granger & Wm Saberton executors; claims to be sent to them after which distribute assets p4 CIP

1866 03 31

Working horses: the railway sold 18 working horses as the line to Sutton was complete 31 Mar.p5

1866 04 07

railway sale working horses

railway opens: the new line to Sutton was officially inspected by Captain Tyler and on 6th April it received its formal opening when the Directors travelled in a special train; the works were completed, the station masters in residence 7 Apr, 14th & 21 Apr, p6

1866 04 28

Reuben Money lab damaged lock door of Alfred Hunt, beer retailer, p8 + CIP

Sutton railway opened passengers last week, great accommodation to Sutton & adjoining villages, do not anticipate great things for passenger traffic but as large corn growing district we believe luggage department remunerative p7 CIP

Letter re railway: great surprise that no market tickets issued, price from Sutton to Ely return being 2/- a prohibitive sum to masses; parliament train leaves Sutton 8.10 am and all other trains 1st & 2nd class above capabilities of men attending various markets; would ask why no market tickets at fare & parliamentary tickets p5 CIP

1866 05 05
Manor Court

1866 05 12
death Eliz wife Russell Blinch, 47 also Sam, son Isaac Clarke, 27 p4

1866 06 02
changes: by June they were altering the time-table 2 Jun.pl
Wife threatened: George Mark Howe was charged with using threatening language to his wife, the case was dismissed - they were equally to blame 2 Jun.p7. + CIP
Assault: George Howe was assaulted by Thomas Chapman, a labourer 2 Jun p7
Wm Roberts lab, Thetford, aged 17 accused theft £5 note on Harvey & Hudson's bank plus two sovereigns from Wm Meadow, farmer, Stretham p7 + CIP

1866 06 09
Cricket: we again beat Sutton 9 Jun p8

1866 06 16
cricket CIP
death Jane dau Wm Wheeler, butcher, p4
Railway compensation: Henry Mitchell a farmer, disputed the compensation fee offered by the railway, for a rood of land they required; he was offered £9 claimed £25 but accepted £12 16 Jun p8

1866 06 30
William Robert guilty theft p6 CIP

1866 07 07
Wm Roberts guilty, 12 months labour, stole from employer Wm Meadows p6 + CIP
Lost: a cricket match against Cottenham was lost 7 Jul.p8

1866 07 21
All clear: a handbill was posted announcing that the village was finally free of the cattle plague 21 Jul.p6

1866 08 04
Diseased cattle were driven through the village by Mr Camps. of Wilburton; he was taken to court 4 Aug.p7
cricket married v single p6 CIP [NPP]

1866 08 11
sale land with cottages near Stretham occ Jos Ash & John Coatman, p5

1866 09 15
Waterbeach Level p2

1866 12 01

GER agreement re working line p5

1866 12 15

Opulent farmer: Mr Muncey, opulent farmer, and highly respected agriculturalist from the Ferry, suffered severely through the disease 15 Dec.p6

-o-o- 1867 -o-o-

Rector gives new East window complaints that when steeple repaired & new weathercock on top - "ugly mushroom" [CH] painted window put in church by Baber [SB75] by Preedy, description of [SN129]; address, description of scenes [SN117]
creditors late Frederick Granger of Orchard House to submit claims, Grange Farm sold; he died after an operation for the gravel; House bought by John Wright for £600; shop sold Briggs Savage; sale [SN149 SN142 CH]
vestry recommend voluntary subscriptions for colouring walls and ceilings & repairing pillars north side church [SN117]

1867 02 16

160 people received charity tickets valued from 2/- to 11/- 16 Feb.p6

1867 01 12

Wm Wheeler jobber father of child of Sarah Dewsberry.ordered to pay 1/6 per week.CIP

1867 01 26

Skating match CIP

1867 03 02

Insurance: various local farmers – W. Blinch, J.B. Dimock, H. Hazel, W. Meadows, T. Parish subscribed to the Cattle Plague Assurance Association 2 Mar.p5

1867 03 16

death Ann, widow of John Russell, p4

1867 03 23

death Ann Paul, 77 p4

Grange Farm: creditors of the late Frederick Granger of Orchard House were invited to submit their claims, his Grange Farm was advertised for sale 23 Mar.

1867 04 20

sale land Frederick Granger o5, his furniture likewise 4 May p5

1867 04 27

marriage by Rev C.J. Taylor, John Kerr Gedge of London to Mary Denham, 2nd dau late W.E. Read of Orchard House p4

1867 05 04

Orchard House and the shop occupied by Luke Curtis were advertised 4 May p5 [cutt]
"ugly mushroom": at the church the Rector gave a new East window; regret was expressed that when the spire was restored it was not brought to a point instead of the present ugly mushroom, and that the crocheted windows were not restored 4 May p7

1867 05 11

Grange farm sale, residence, cottages, 230 a, Brickmakers Arms: the details of the Grange Farm sale reveal that the Brickmakers Arms and four tenements in Brooks' Lane (sic) were included 11 May p5

1867 05 18

marriage by Rev H.H. Baber John William Walker of Hertford to Emily, youngest dau late Edward Dimock, p4

Drenching: Martha Pitchford threw a bucket of water at Sarah Wright. p7

1867 05 25

Manor court p2

1867 06 01

Sale of Grange Farm at enormous price.CIP

1867 06 08

tradesman received £5 note, repayment of theft p6

Disturbance: Ann Langford was accused of disturbing the Wesleyan congregation 8 Jun.p7 details CIP 15th June.CIP

Thomas Jacobs dealer removed calves without license.CIP

1867 06 15

"Strong Beer" bridge: an improvement was sought of the drove from S to Strong Beer Bridge 15 Jun.p6

1867 06 29

Cricket was played against Soham and Cottenham 29 Jun. & 13 Jul p7

1867 07 20

greatest holiday': the Wesleyan Sunday School treat, 'one of the greatest holidays during the year' was held; children and friends numbering 460 walked in procession to W. Wright Blinch's close where they enjoyed out-door sports 20 Jul p6

1867 07 27

aged 92: Elizabeth Money died aged 92 27 Jul.p4
cricket p8

1867 08 17

Hunstanton: there was a rail trip to Hunstanton 17 Aug.pl

Wedding Wm, eldest son Wm Wheeler, butcher & Eliza dau Wm Yarrow, p4

1867 08 31

court of chancery in matte of estate of Frederick Granger dec and a cause Read against Luddington and another; creditors of Fred Granger who died Feb 1867 to submit claims [NPP]

1867 09 07

Waterbeach Level

1867 09 14

cattle plague, p2

Brick yard: the materials and sheds of the brickyard at Stretham Ferry property late F. Granger; Bidwells to sell 20 Sept at Grange Farm without least reserve
Late Fred Granger, creditors to apply p5

1867 09 28

road tolls to let

Edward Jackson, beer retailer, fined insufficient measures, p7

1867 11 02

Stretham gate not let p6

1867 11 23

Assault on farmer: John Constable, labourer, assaulted James Dimock, farmer 23 Nov p7

Mary Wilson threatened Flora Bent.CIP

1867 11 30

Turnpike tolls at the Ferry were let to Mr Driver at £82 in 1864 the sum had been £100 30 Nov.p6

-o-o- 1868 * -o-o- BNA check

July very hot, no grass for stock, carrots dying early; harvest so hot people couldn't work [SN40]

Samuel Canham got arm cut off by threshing machine at Wm Wright's threshing barns, 13 Jan [SB38p52 SB75]

William Morriss & family went to Liverpool for American, Apr 4 [SB38p54 SB75]

Baptist leader with clarinet with singing 45 years, John Sennitt died, 5 Oct [SB75] 10 Oct.p6

1868 02 08

Samuel Grainger sells land, formerly orchard

1868 02 22

John Howe, blacksmith, assaulted Richard Howe, labourer – a family affair

1868 02 29

shooting match amongst members Stretham cricket club, dinner Red Lion

1868 04 18

Vestry meeting was held 18 Apr.p6

1868 04 25

Thomas Frohock & Joseph Grainger, labourers, stole fowls Robert Driver; trial 4th Jul

Dyson Parnell innkeeper sold beer on Sunday.CIP

1868 05 16

Jospeh Walker labourer assaulted Joseph Hazle, farmer

Presentation to postman Mr Wood of new uniform been here nine and a half years.CIP scan]

1868 06 20

cricket v Littleport; & 11th July

Thomas Frock and Joseph Granger stole fowls from Robert Driver.CIP

1868 07 11

Miss Baber presented crickets with flag and motto

1868 07 25

Ellis Muncey, Cottenham v Thomas Gotobed over price of pigs; evidence from Frederick Wheeler;

Caroline Langford, publican evidence – a very showily-dressed woman for a labourer's wife

1868 08 08

John Chapman, labourer, damaged table Mary Hunt, beer retailer, Stretham Ferry

1868 09 05

death Thomas Pledger

1868 09 19

Conservative candidates Viscount Royston & Lord George Manners entertained to lunch and proceeded to Stretham

1868 09 26

Luke Curtis sale drapery, clothing, ironmongery etc; he changing his residence

1868 10 10

John Sennett, farmer, died suddenly, was mourned 10 Oct.p6

1868 10 17

Samuel Wright had placed his son, Charles, 35, in a farm he'd held but matters turned out so that everything had to be sold. A friend bought a cow which was afterwards repurchased; but was missed and traced to Wilburton; it had been sold cheaply by his son – a sore trouble to him

1868 10 17

Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Stretham – songs

1868 10 24

Charles, son Wm Wright, marries Alice Uffindel

1868 11 14

sale stock late J. Sennitt; implements 21 Nov

-o-o- 1869 * -o-o- BNA checked

Jonathan Cockerton died, useful man in Methodist society in singing and all the worship except preaching [SB75]

vestry consider turnpike road – to continue as injurious for parish to repair so much themselves; take over Broad Baulk road [SN117]

Hugh Pigot rectory, offers land on north side church to be consecrated for addition to churchyard [SN117]

1869 01 02

John Dant, waterman, charged stealing bow net Thos Parnell – had set five nets in river at Ferry and one in the dock; Thos Hall said he heard Dant order his men to throw the net overboard on the side of the river; was apprehended at Ship Inn near Twentypence Ferry; a man had been gleaving when he pulled up the net

1869 01 30

Gifts: the charity gifts were distributed 30 Jan p6

1869 02 20

Frederick Parish, jobber, assaulted John Drever, farmer by pulling his nose
John Sennitt, farmer – creditors to apply

1869 03 06

Wisbech prisoner stayed with John Hunt beerhouse keeper and stole his shoes. CIP

1869 04 03

The late Rev. H.H. Baber

The decease of the Rev. H.H.. Baber, rector of Stretham, in the 94-th year of his age will justify more than a passing mention in our columns; whether we view him as the oldest incumbent in the diocese, or as the editor of the facsimile of the famous Alexandrian manuscript of the Old Testament, which from the testimony it hears to the reading of many important passages is of the deepest interest to the antiquarian & the scholar. The Rev. Henry Harvey Baber, son of Thomas Bater esc., barrister, and grandson of Thomas Draper Baber, of Summing Hill, Berks, was born on 22nd August 1775. An alumnus of St Paul's school, he entered All Souls college, Oxford, as a bible clerk, and in 1805 became vice principal of St Mary's Hall, curate to Dr Copleston, at that time vicar of St Mary s the Virgin, afterwards Bishop of Llandaff. As sub librarian of the Bodleian he proved his fitness for the important post he afterwards held, in the library of the British Museum. At his first application for the office of extra assistant librarian in that institution, finding his claims came into competition with those of his friend, Mr Ellis, he withdrew, with a delicacy of feeling which marked him through life; and the friendship that subsisted between them was cemented through life by kindred tastes and occupations. He has only survived his distinguished competitor, Henry Ellis, by a few months. Mr Baber succeeded soon after to the office, and again in 1807, without any solicitations on his part, became Assistant Librarian. In 1809 he married the daughter of Mr Harry Smith, banker, a partner in the firm of Child & Co. In 1812, he was appointed keeper of the Printed Books in the British Museum; and in 1827, he was appointed to the rectory of Stretham with Thetford, then in the gift of the Premier as an option.

In the assiduous discharge of the duties of that parish he continued, till within a short time of his decease. He was at the time of his death one of the oldest members of the Royal Society, and also of the Royal Society of Literature, of which he was one of the original founders. He was taken to his rest on Easter day, while the memorial of his Master's dying love was being celebrated in the church which he had so long served. His later years were much cheered by the unboundness kindness and courteous attention which he received from the present Bishop of Ely, and from the Dean & other members of the Cathedral body. The funeral service will be performed over his remains today, by his friend the Dean of Ely. Few have of late passed away from us to more honourable memorials of their toil or a more enduring memory of their virtues. Cambridge Chronicle, 3rd April 1869 p6 [SN55 SN142]

1869 04 10

Rev H.H. Baber – obituary – Times 10 Apr 1869 [scan][cutt]

tramps stole boots from John Hunt, beerhouse keeper

1869 05 01

Rev Hugh Pigot, Wisbech St Mary, presented Stretham

1869 05 08

marriage John Mitchell, farmer to Ellen Bultitaft of Red Lion

1869 05 15

cricket club dinner, Red Lion

1869 05 29

King Coy, labourer stole shirt Thos Shelton & boots Wm Lindsell

1869 06 05

Teachers: a presentation was made to the Misses Baker, teachers 5 Jun.p6 [copied]

Mary Willson & Mary Anne Howe, drunk

1869 06 19

sale land occ Wm Meadow

1869 06 26

presentation to Pigot at Wisbech St Mary
GER trip sea side from Stretham station

1869 08 07

Swann Rains (41) brewer in High Street, assaulted Eliza Kirby, his servant – ravished while wife away; sent message to her mother at Wilburton; had been to Lamb Music Hall paid for by Henry Grainger; Charlie Lee letter carrier between Ely & Haddenham – 2 months imprisonment

1869 08 14

death W. Levett, 73 at The Ferry

1869 07 17

Swan Rains assaulted Eliza Kirby his servant, CIP details 1869 08 07 CIP

1869 08 28

John Driver charged poaching

1869 09 04

Thomas Ward, tramp charged vagrancy; had 1.10 in lining of had

1869 09 25

Alfred Sennitt of London, provision merchant, son late John of Stretham married Eliz, daughter Henry Mitchell, farmer

1869 10 30

Elizabeth, wife Alfred Fletcher killed and other hurt when cart ran against railway fencing on Milton Rd, Cambridge; three or four hurt

1869 11 06

another death from the accident: Mrs Mary Hunt had been Cambridge to visit brother-in-law and asked for ride in Mr Fletcher's cart; when cart overturned she was thrown before wheel of coal cart; wheel went over Mr Fletcher and Mrs Hunt who died in hospital. The boy Fletcher who was thrown out had been brought over by his father to Addenbrooke's Hospital to be measured for a wooden leg which lost in another accident

1869 11 13

Hugh Pigot appointed a visiting justice

1869 11 20

Stubbings gave Alsop his donkey in exchange for a pig and 10/-, which he never received

-o~o- 1870 * --o-o-

BNA checked

rate made for new wall round burial ground [SN117]
school still in hired premises; was also private school kept by dissenters, catering mainly for children of tradesmen and small farmers [VCH p158];

1870 01 08

£60 was distributed in addition to coal to poor families 8 Jan, p5

1870 01 22

Partnership John Wilson Jewson and John Wingate Aitkin, carrying on business of coat and timber merchants at Somersham ... and Stretham was dissolved 1870 01 22

1870 04 02

Marriage John Dring Charles of Stretham to Elizabeth, daughter George Feast of Bourn Grange

1870 04 23

W Meadows & Mr Dimock were appointed wardens at the vestry meeting presided over by Rev Pigot 23 Apr.p6

1870 05 21

Feast: Monday & Tuesday were attended by the stalls, photographic and shooting galleries etc, 21 May p6

1870 07 09

Pigs sold to Mr Driver.CIP

1870 07 16 Cricket.CIP

1870 07 16 Ch

Sale lads Meadow Field, Starlock Common

1870 07 23

cricket,CIP

1870 07 23 Ch

Sale 31 acres wheat, barley, peas ... by direction Samuel Wright

1870 07 30 Ch

Marriage Frederica Granger, youngest daughter of W.E. Read marries Rev C.J. Taylor of St Colomb, Cornwell

1870 08 13 Ch

Accident John Freeman, builder, who on going be railway to Stretham alighted at the Old West Bridge, now under repair, and on stepping from the train on to the roadway fell and the train passed on, the wheel passed over his right foot, crushing it in fearful manner

1870 09 03 Ch

Sale working horses, donkey, steers, farming implements, weighing machine, ladders, capital gig etc belonging Samuel Wright

1870 09 10 Ch

GER Day at the seaside from Stretham station

1870 12 31 Ch

Wm Hopkin lab. assaulted Elizabeth Parnell, locked up

1870 12 31

Skating in the fens Stretham Mere.CIP

-o-o- 1871 -o-o-

census : population 1145 of whom 205 children; census analysed [SB39 CH]
Stretham Engine two original boilers replaced [SB47]

1871 01 07

Station: on the railway one could depart from S to go to Sutton at 10.56, 2.09, 4.55 & 7.26
7 Jan.p2

1871 01 14

Grunty Fen tax pay Gurney Parish p3

1871 02 04

Sick and wounded: £5.4.2.was collected for the Committee to Aid Sick and Wounded 4 Feb.p7

1871 04 01

railway times, p3

1871 04 08

Indecent assault: Jonathan Baxter was charged with assault on Sarah Sennitt. 8 Apr p8

1871 04 15

Riotous: Mary Ann Howe, a married woman, was imprisoned for 7 days for being drunk and riotous in the street 15 Apr p5

1871 04 22

Manor court was held in the Chequers, as every year 22 Apr.p2

Henry Bultitaft 'Clear the Way' serves mare, 2gns each, comes from Bedwell Hey, p5

1871 04 29

Gospel: the Society for Propagation of the Gospel to Foreign Parts benefited by a collection of £6.8.0 29 Apr.p7

1871 05 06

rail times

Wm Wright charged with sheep straying CIP

1871 05 20

Mr Parish's farmhouse and land in Brook Field and Grunty Fen were for sale 20 May p5

Illegal toll: the case against Arthur Long, the toll collector at the Ferry gate of illegally taking a toll from George Henry Sennitt, was dismissed 20 May p8

1871 05 27

205 children: a census revealed the population of 1145 of which 205 were children, 105 boys, 100 girls 27 May p8

1871 06 24

1st class fare was 6/-, second class 3/- in covered carriages on a rail excursion to Hunstanton 24 Jun.pl etc. also 8 July

1871 07 08

Union relieving officer p1

1871 07 22

Assault: George Allen assaulted Charles Murfitt 22 Jul p3

1871 07 29
rail excursion

1871 08 05
Ely-Sutton times p3 & 2nd Sept
Jonathan Baxter harness maker assaulted Sarah Sennitt. Hurt leg coming down ladder from his bedroom, but said she had hurt it against a photographers cart. DETAILED ACC.CIP [scan]

1871 08 12
excursion Hunstanton, p1

1871 08 26
Child assaulted: Joseph Wright, a labourer, was accused of indecent assault on Minnie Cundle, aged 2 years; (the case continued throughout the year), in August Joseph was released on bail of £100.
Death Elizabeth 16th Aug

1871 09 02
rail & boat excursion, Ipswich & Harwich, p1 & 16th

1871 09 30
last rail excursion season to Hunstanton
Foot & mouth: Thomas Jacobs, a farmer, was charged with not reporting a cow suffering from foot and mouth 30 Sep.p3
Mail carrier. Robert Dyer, the tollkeeper was accused of illegally charging a carrier of mailbags 30 Sep.p3

1871 10 07
Ely-Sutton times p3
Electoral roll for checking p2

1871 10 21
Jos Wright, 17, farm labourer charged unlawful assault Minnie Cundell, 2-year old, with intent; mother too ill to attend, trial postponed, £100 bail, p6

1871 11 04
Baptist chapel collected £4.4.0 for Addenbrooke's 4 Nov.p4

1871 12 23
Chas Dimmock assaulted Jane Murfitt.CIP

-o-o- 1872 * -o-o- :-

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1872 01 06 Ch
Joseph Wright, farm servant, charged with assault on Minnie Caldwell, 3; not guilty

1872 02 10 Ch
Creditors late Miss Ann Read and Miss Sarah Read to apply

1872 02 10 Ch
John Fletcher and John Langford, labourers, stole turf James Butcher, seven days imprisonment
1872 05 11 Ch
Rhoda Hopkins sold four pounds of butter in Cambridge Market, deficient in weight

1872 06 08 Ch
Death John Bultitaft, 79

1872 06 08
C.K. Sennitt wound up by liquidation, p6

1872 07 06 Ch
Sale land, tenements occupied James Sennitt, engine-driver

1872 07 06 Ch
Charles Wright, junior and Jonathan Norman, farmers, charged with permitting a flock of sheep to stray on the Turnpike Road at Stretham, case dismissed

1872 07 13 Ch
Marriage Jonathan Baxter to Lucy Ann Piggott of Cottenham

1872 07 20 Ch
Joseph Wesley wants two men to drive portable steam engines

1872 07 27 Ch
Sale twelve acres of wheat by direction Francis Langford

1872 09 21 Ch
Chequers pub with good stabling and garden to let, Littleport Brewery

1872 09 21 Ch
Sale stock, furniture belonging D. Parnell at Stretham Ferry

1872 09 21 Ch
Ely Union, W. Bradshaw tenders flour 2/6 per stone, J. Murfitt beer

1872 11 23
School opened: the new school building was opened by the Bishop of Ely; the rector, Rev. H. Pigot, had energetically collected funds and provided the site of the old tithe barn which was incorporated into the school. All the pupils attended a crowded church service conducted by the Rector supported by a large number of clergymen from surrounding parishes. Afterwards 200 scholars sat down to a bountiful supply of tea and cakes whilst in the Girls school village ladies catered for between 200 & 300 people at 6d each. The cost of the schools was between £1,300 and £1,400 of which the rector made up a deficiency of nearly £400 23 Nov.p6 [VCH p158 CH SB35 SN142] [cutt]

1872 11 30 Ch
Wm Wheeler butcher threatened wife he was locked up; a very worthless character. CIP

-o-o- 1873 * -o-o-

1873 01 25
Harry Wesley, Wm Murfitt, James Fletcher and John Langford labourers drunk. CIP
Thomas wood and Langford Mason stole stair brasses from Elias Sennitt, CIP

1873 02 08
Concerts, entertainments and readings were held in the Boys schoolroom 8 Feb., 6 Dec. & 13 Dec
p6

1873 02 22

Joshua Bent and John Jacobs labourers drunk. CIP

1873 03 08 Edw Mason lab.to pay to support his son in a reformatory at Northumberland CIP
Thomas Alfred Wood baker also charged. CIP

1873 03 29

Richard Morris heirs claim estate in Hereford. CIP

Louis Goodwin Stanley pupil teacher Stretham school for religious knowledge. CIP

James Russell lab; took fish from Dyson Parnell CIP

Wm Acred lab; left service CIP

1873 05 03

Frederick Constable and David Coy charged with an unnatural offence with an ass. CIP

1873 05 17

Ed Granger lab drunk. CIP

1873 06 07

Cricket and 14th CIP

1873 06 28

Thomas Leonard assault on Sarah Creek. CIP

1873 07 19

Mark Howe lab; drunk. CIP

1873 08 09

school treat for 220 scholars of S. & Thetford was held 9 Aug p6

1873 09 13

John Sutton of Haddenham sells cart horses at his farm, Stretham

-o-o- 1874 -o-o-

1874

charity trustees desirous of altering building formerly Boys school, but now disused, to convert into 2 tenements for residence of two poor widows [SN49]

1874-6 church restoration : chancel practically rebuilt and transept, south aisle and clerestory added; removed south porch and provision of new roofs; chancel curtailed and western portion thrown into the nave & window tracery renewed throughout in C14 style. Cost over £4,000 [VCH] [CH]; description of masonry from old church [SN47] description of pre restoration – was school [Stitt p7]; restoration condemned – “were many parts which were of great beauty ...” ERDM 1896 [SB41] memories of church before restoration by Josiah Sennitt, ES 1.12.1922 [SN142] vestry plans enlargement & levelling churchyard 5.5.74 [SN117]

1874 01 17

Waterbeach Level p5

Wrong: four shopkeepers, Luke Curtis, Joseph Hazel, Briggs Savage & Charles Sennitt were fined for weights and measures offences 17 Jan.p8

1874 01 31

Pigs on path: Robert Drever, a jobber, was fined for driving pigs on the footpath by the side of the S.

to Witchford turnpike 31 Jan.p3

A baker, William Bradshaw, was fined for having an unjust weighing machine in his cart at Aldreth 31 Jan.p3

1874 04 04
Ely Sutton railway p3

1874 04 11
Performing cricketers: a concert was held in aid of the cricket club, the club members performed; the Misses Wright received special mention 11 Apr.p6

1874 04 18
dead on line: a man was found dead on the railway line a mile from S fen signal box 18 Apr p6

1874 05 16
Manor Court

1874 04 23
disappearing turnpike: all gates on the Cambridge to Ely road were to come down on 1st Nov., although there was still a £300 deficit 23 May p8
Another victory: Swaffham Prior were beaten at cricket 23 May p8

1874 05 30
Choir festival: the choir took part in a festival of church music 30 May p6

1874 06 06
rail times p3

1874 06 18
Drunk: John Jacobs & Thomas Frohock were each fined 5/-with 12/6 costs for being drunk 18 Jun.p8

1874 07 04
Last sermon: the Bishop preached the last sermon before the complete restoration of the church, all seats were full, the collection raised £15.16. When the Rev Pigot had been appointed 5 years before he had determined to restore the church but new schools were needed first; now these had been built it could begin and plans for the restoration were drawn up. The rector gave £1,000 and Misses Baber £450 towards the £3,200 estimate; the architect was Mr St Aubyn, builder Mr Brown of Lynn 4 Jul.p6

1874 07 18
Military excursion: a railway excursion was arranged to the Volunteer encampment at Hunstanton 18 Jul.pl

1874 08 08
Bazaar: useful and fancy goods were sold on the Rectory lawn on 28th & 29th July; there was a large assortment of things, several ladies sent boxes of goods and the effort made by the poorer classes was pleasing; stalls were run by Mrs Pell, Miss Pym, Miss Lee, Mrs & Miss Vipian, Miss Dellar, Miss Pritchard, Miss Grainger, Miss Banks, Miss Marshall & Miss A. Pym, Ely militia band attended on the first day and £175.16.9 was raised for the church restoration fund. Another bazaar was planned to dispose of surplus stock 8 Aug p2

1874 08 15
Incapable: Edward Coy was fined 10/- with 19/6 costs for being drunk and riotous, Wheeler Murfitt fined 6/6 for being drunk and incapable 15 Aug. p8

Marriage Col George H. Willis CB of Stretham Manor, assistant quartermaster-general Horseguards to Ada Mary, dau J. Neild Bart of Grittleton p4

1874 08 22

Excursions to Gt Yarmouth cost 7/- or 3/6, to Ipswich the same

1874 09 26

Rebuilding: as a school treat the children went to church to witness the laying of one of the principal stones, which was which was laid by the rector's eldest daughter. Afterwards 240 children went to the rectory for tea and cakes and then played in the fields whilst 70 teachers and helpers had their tea; sale of needlework for poor soon raised £16 for the restoration fund, The day ended with hymns, the National Anthem and three cheers 26 Sep p6

1874 09 14

Edward Coy drunk & riotous, advised not to get drunk any more, also Fred Wheeler, p7

1874 10 03

Tollhouses: a meeting to arrange the resale was held 3 Oct.p2

temporary: harvest thanksgiving was held in a temporary church, the collection went to Addenbrooke's 3 Oct.p6

1874 10 17

going..: a notice was published of the sale of materials of tollhouses and outbuildings including the tollhouse at S Ferry, and also tollgates; houses and outbuildings to be pulled down and removed before 15 Dec.; gates to be removed by 2nd Nov. 17 Oct p5

no "perpetual remembrance" turnpike trustees agree that sites be added to the road so are just selling the houses as building material; all toll keepers allowed one month to get out; if houses were left this would afford perpetual remembrance of tollbars 17 Oct p6

drunk again: Edward Coy drunk and riotous again, fined 6/- costs 14/-: was advised not to get drunk any more Fred Wheeler also drunk, costs 9/- 17 Oct p7

1874 11 07

sale farm material Edward Sennitt p5

Gone: the Ferry tollhouse was sold, house and gate for £33.16.0 7 Nov.p8

1874 11 21

Boot stolen: a Cornish tramp stole a pair of boots from Henry Langford; Robert F. was drunk 21 Nov p8

1874 12 19

Grocer: Briggs Savage was fined 10/- for an inaccurate weighing machine 19 Dec p8

o-o-1875 *-o-o

Cambridge to Ely turnpike trust expired [SB72]

1875 01 02

Thomas Stockdale farmer claims for wheat,Black Bank StationCIP

1875 01 09

Wm Smith, alias J. Muston Bailey, 36, labourer, stole books from Edward Langford – the house where he stayed, p7

1875 01 16

Rhoda Hopkins short measure.CIP

1875 01 23

Lecture, proceeds to restoration fund 23 Jan.p7

Pupil teacher H. Ellwood wins £2 prize 23 Jan.p7

1875 02 13

successful concert, p6

1875 03 13

Assault in field: Frederick Langford,14, assaulted Mary Morden in a field 13 Mar.p7

Joseph Ash gives evidence CIP

1875 03 27

Mr Savidge of Stretham to erect new house Broad St Ely.CIP

1875 05 01

1875 05 15

Cut throat: an inquest was held on Richard Langford who committed suicide 15 May p7

1875 05 29

Samuel Blinch sheep strayed.CIP

1875 07 17

Theft from Martha Charles.CIP

1875 09 18

Sarah and Ann Frohock and Sarah Jane Murfitt stole stack cloth.CIP continues 23 October

1875 10 09

Labourer Joseph Brown, labourer was also subject of an inquest 9 Oct.p7

1875 10 16

George Sennitt butcher drove furiously CIP

1875 12 18

Restoration funds were boosted by an entertainment 18 Dec.p7 .

-o-o- 1876 -o-o-

church reopens, new font [CH] – details [SN132 SN142]; sermon [SN117]

2 new church bells by J. Warner [VCH p157 Stitt p9]; balance burial ground wall rate for recasting

2 cracked bells [SN117]; subscription opened for new clock

sale Brook Lane [SN149]

1876 01 01

Parking: Thomas Ballard was fined £1 for leaving his engine on the Wilburton Road 1 Jan p6'

Thomas Gotobed[[SDI]] unjust weight, p6

1876 01 15

Cricket club concert was held in the Boys schoolroom 15 Jan.p6; Pet Adv 1876 01 22

1876 01 22

rail bill p7

1876 01 29

Church clock: a meeting of principal inhabitants was called to consider purchasing a new clock, the old one being worn out; Rev. H. Pigot presided; several estimates had been received and it was agreed to raise money by voluntary subscriptions and £51 was promised. A committee was formed to organise house to house collections 29 Jan.p6

clever girl: Miss Christina Blinch, pupil teacher won a prize of £3 given by county MPs to pupil teacher with highest marks in the religious knowledge examination; this was the 4th time S. had won 29 Jan.p6

1876 02 05

piano duet: an entertainment was held in the schoolroom; were readings by Messrs Boothman and Parish, a recital by Mr Coxall, Misses Pigot played a piano duet, Miss Dellar a piano solo, vocalists were J. Wright, J.M. Wright and Mr. Driver 5 Feb,p7

1876 02 12

Butchers disagree: Isaac Murfitt, butcher, was charged by David Morden of assaulting him at S.; arose from dispute over custody of a dressing machine of which they were joint owners; the partnership was dissolved and costs divided 12 Feb.p6

1876 02 19

Reopening soon: it was decided to reopen the church after restoration on June 6th; the clock funds now stands at £110, it will have no chimes, and is to be made by Mr Joyce of Whitchurch, Salop, but will not be ready for 6 months 19 Feb p8

15 performers took part in readings with music. 19 Feb.p8

1876 02 26

Chimes: a special meeting was called to reconsider the question of the new church clock, it was decided to have chimes after all 26 Feb p7

1876 03 04

Final reading with music was held 4 Mar.p6

Alfred Lock guilty theft of beans from John Coxall;has five children;one month hard labour CIP

1876 03 25

Artificial light was the subject for a lecture which produced a collection for the restoration fund - 25 Mar p7

1876 04 22

Miss M.A. Blinch was presented with a writing desk by friends of the Girls School on completion of her apprenticeship as a pupil-teacher 22 Apr.p6

King Tom horse of Henry Bultitaft from Bedwell Hey services at Stretham, p5

Churchwardens re-elected p6

1876 05 13

Wesleyan entertainment: 100 people attended the social at the Wesleyan schoolroom and were entertained by Miss Charles and her pupils 13 May p6

1876 06 03

final arrangements were made for the reopening of the church; the Bishop will attend, there will be a public lunch in the schoolroom; still £400 short, in addition £140 has been collected for new church clock which is on order; have raised money to recast two cracked bells and will give a peal from the old tower 3 Jun p6

1876 06 10

Church reopens, having been closed for 2 years during which time services had been held in the schoolrooms. The restoration had removed the old gallery, added two transepts, widened the north

aisle, built an arcade on the south side; an organ loft was added and new seats so except for the Norman buttress the church is now in the C14 decorated style, the parts removed being of C15 30 clergy met the Bishop; the choir was surpliced for the first time, these being presented by Miss A.M. Baber; the collection raised £83.10.0. Afterwards there was a luncheon in the schoolroom for 148 people and the Bishop praised the way the Rector had carried out the restoration. At 5 pm there was a tea for 180 both provided by J.Pilson of Cambridge. The evening service was taken by the Rev Woodard, the new curate, and sermon by Rev H. Baber was to be printed for circulation 10 Jun.p6 [cutt]

Sick pigs: Robert Driver pig dealer, was accused of selling sick pigs to Thomas Camps of Wilburton, case dismissed 10 June p6

1876 06 17

New font: an 8 am church service was held; Edward Dimock's child was the first to be christened in the new font which had been presented by his sister; the evening service was at 7 pm. £153 was taken in collection. On Monday evening there was a special service for 250 Sunday School children with buns and milk on the Rectory lawn beforehand. The Rector, Rev H. Pigot, was congratulated on the completeness of the restoration, "there are restorations which are no restoration, the Rector spared neither pains nor money to make the church as beautiful as he could". The cost was between £3,000 and £4,000, debt was £2-£3,000 17 Jun p6

1876 07 01

rail excursion Volunteer encampment Hunstanton

Wagons took Wesleyan school children to the station for an excursion to Hunstanton; 100 went 1 Jul.p6

1876 07 08

sale land Grunty Fen Edward Sennitt, p5

Sheep stray: Drage Camps of Haddenham was fined 15/6 for allowing his sheep to stray on the highway in S. 8 Jul.p6

1876 07 15

Sale of land and house near Plantation Farm 15 Jul.p5

1876 07 22

Creech of Abingdon Berks sued Jas Coy £50, damages breach of warranty on sale of horse, 4th March, acquitted p6

1876 07 22

Sale land farm house ... granary ... with orchard ... bounded Plantation Farm , crops land Edward Sennett

1876 09 16

Cows stray: Robert Morden was fined 7/6 for allowing his cows to stray on the highway 16 Sep.p7

1876 09 16

Waterbeach Level seek tenders 200 tons of coal to include delivery and weighing into the coal yard ... particulars Edwin Stanley CIP

1876 09 23

furniture of Mrs Charles was sold 23 Sep.p5

1876 10 28

Largest festival: harvest festival was held, the church was decorated with evergreens, corn and flowers, dahlias and marigolds; collection raised £8.15.10 for Addenbrooke's, the largest ever 28 Oct.p6

Horse kicks: Josiah Coy was kicked in the stomach by a horse and is in a precarious state 28 Oct.p6

1876 11 18

Addenbrooke's hospital benefited by £5.9.4, from the chapel and £8.15.0 from the church 18 Nov.p4

First of a series of entertainments was held in the Boys schoolroom 18 Nov.p6

1876 11 25

Grunty Fen inclosure landowners meet under inclosure act, p2

Death Matilda, wife Jos Hazel, 66 p4

1876 12 02

concert

-o-o- 1877 *-o-o—

first peal new bells [Stitt p9 SB33p33]

rebuilt church- church clock started 7 Feb 1877 - previous clock had only one hand [CH Stitt p9];

description of and opening address [SB33p32]; Sennitt memories 1922 [SN142]

feast frumenty [CH]; feast parade started

John Jacobs, shop keeper formerly of S to Wm Bradshaw baker – cottage with yard [SB67 d10]

1877 01 20

Choir supper was held 20 Jan.p6

1877 01 27

Richard Langford died 27 Jan.p6

Wm Jackson assaulted Geo Howe. CIP

1877 02 10

Altar cloth: the church altar cloth was sent for display in London 10 Feb p6

Concert: entertainment and concerts were held to raise money for the restoration fund 10 Feb, 31 Mar. & 7 Apr.p6

1877 03 31

Haunted house: a certain house, occupied by a respectable farmer, was claimed to be haunted; the manifestation took the form of terrible noises which could be heard from across the street and a trap door leading to a bedroom slammed itself several times. On the Monday night a group of villagers stayed up until midnight outside the house, but nothing happened, but on the Tuesday it started again and chairs were thrown about. Numerous tales were said to be circulating but nothing further was reported. 31 Mar.p6

1877 05 26

Feast "frumenty". The feast commences on the 3rd Sunday in May and lasts 4 days and always attracts friends; this year it coincided with Whitsun and the trains brought many visitors on the Saturday and there were large congregations on Sunday. On the first three days children set off early with cans or pitchers to the farmhouses where they are given free milk, with this milk and wheat, sugar, currants and spices they make "frumenty". The Monday afternoon and all Tuesday is kept as a holiday and everybody dresses in their best. Weeks before the feast the women start cleaning every nook and corner of their homes, rooms are whitewashed or papered and chimney sweeps do a brisk trade. If two women meet on the street they ask "Have you done your cleaning yet?" and if anybody neglected to clean her house she would be frowned upon by her neighbours 26 May p6

1877 07 14

Choral festival, 14 Jul.p7

Baptist Anniv CIP

1877 08 18 Wm Newland lab. Drunk CIP

1877 11 03

harvest thanksgiving p6

1877 12 01

Employers held a meeting to consider the school attendance 1 Dec.p7 .

Mrs W. Sennitt died suddenly 1 Dec.p7

1877 12 15

Wesleyan chapel held an entertainment 15 Dec.p6

1877 12 22

Confirmation was held at church 22 Dec.p6

-o-o- 1878 -o-o-

1878

Stretham Engine 3rd boiler replaced [SB47]

1878 02 16

Concerts: the year started with two concerts 16 Feb.p8, 9 Mar.p6

1878 02 23

Stretham Bridge out of repair.CIP

1878 03 16

Stretham overseers v Great Eastern Railway over rates CIP

1878 03 30

Harmonium: the Wesleyan chapel unveiled its new harmonium and invited the Rev E.A. Telfer from London to lead the service; later there was a public tea at which about 120 people attended; the day concluded with an evening lecture by the invited Minister on the Scottish Covenanters. The proceedings, including teas, raised £16; the general impression was that the harmonium was highly approved of 30 Mar p6 ^.

1878 04 13

Cricket club general meeting 13 Apr.p6

1878 04 27

Churchwardens were elected at the vestry meeting, 27 Apr p6

1878 06 15

Walter Clark find for driving horse and cart.CIP

1878 07 20

Baptist Anniv. CIP

Theft of time piece from Ed Langford.CIP

1878 08 10

Church festival 10 Aug.p6

1878 08 31

James Coy executors in court for money claimed due to landlord of Club Inn, Ely

1878 10 26

John Chapman drunk. CIP

1878 11 02

Harvest thanksgiving 2 Nov.p6

o-o-1879-o-o

coprolite revival – see 1866

to hire 4acres now used as cricket field at yearly rent £6, instead of recreation ground in Grunty Fen which to be let [SN117]

1879 01 11

Skating v Waterbeach. CIP

1879 02 22

Entertainment was held 22 Feb p7

1879 04 12

Poulterer: a creditors meeting was called over the affairs of John Sennitt, poulterer 12 Apr.p6

1879 04 19

Annual meeting of the cricket club 19 Apr p6

Vestry meeting 19 Apr 6

Theft of shoulder of mutton from Geo Sennitt. CIP

1879 06 07

Thomas Gotobed and Wm Yarrow horses strayed. CIP

1879 07 12

Marriage Etheldreda Martin, fourth daughter of Edwin Stanley, the Engine, to Philip John Maggs at Bristol CIP

1879 07 19

Suicide: William Acred, horsekeeper to Mr Blinch committed suicide 19 Jul p6

1879 08 02

St James' day: the festival of dedication on St James day was fully reported 2 Aug.p6

1879 08 02

Choral evensong at church, collection for restoration.. Rev Pigot turned to question of a recreation ground ... and try for letters delivered twice a day

House breaker found The Sun Inn PC Noble gives evidence; a house boken into near the Ferry.CIP

1879 08 16

School treat 16 Aug p6

1879 09 13

F Parish Red Lion Lic renewed.CIP

1879 10 18

Baptist Chapel presentation to Hannah Blinch on marriage to F.Oliver Sennitt,a native now residing in London.CIP

1879 10 25

Thomas Fletcher leaving Railway Tavern sells hay, manure, agricultural implements CIP
Langford v Parish dispute in The Red lion ended in fight. Witness Joseph Wesley blacksmith and Emma Lytham ?CIP

1879 11 01

Mary Murfitt died suddenly 1 Nov p6

1879 11 08

Harvest thanksgiving 8 Nov.p6

1879 12 13

Wm Wheeler butcher broke window.CIP

-o-o- 1880 -o-o-

Gravel Farm bought Charles Wright [SN132]

sale will Stephen Read [SN142]

Stretham Engine : J. Walters succeeds E. Stanley (till 1884) [SB47 SB75]

1880 01 24

Sad funeral of teacher: young Polly Ellwood, nearly 19, and a Sunday School teacher was buried 24 Jan.p3

Jas Coy farmer, claimants to apply, p5

1880 01 31

birth son W. Boothman, p4

1880 01 31

Inquest death James Murfitt, horsekeeper for Mr Dimock; was returning with W. Wright from Stretham station with maize in wagon drawn by three horses when one sack became untied and fell on to back of mare causing her to jump; James tried to stop her but wagon passed over him; lived till Friday; was 40 and leaves widow and four children - CIP

1880 02 14

Chapel news: the Baptists raised £5.0.3 for Addenbrooke's, the Wesleyans held an entertainment with readings, duets etc. 14 Feb p4

1880 02 21

Death John Coy 46 CIP

1880 02 28

Ely union

1880 03 20

Butcher stops trading: George Henry Sennitt, butcher and farmer sells off his stock 20 Mar.p6

CIP

1880 04 03

Churchwardens: J.B. Dimock & H. Lister were re-elected 3 Apr.

Sale farm implements, furniture, G.H. Sennitt in liquidation, p5

1880 04 10

H. Lister elected Ely guardians, p6

Wm and Isaac Aspland lab, Daniel Stevens innkeeper of Grunty fen drinking at Thetford. CIP

1880 04 17

Royal Agricultural Society of England elected Joseph Wesley as a member 17 Apr, p6

1880 05 01

death Ann, wife Luke Curtis, 78 p4

1880 05 15

marriage John Westrope, eldest son of J.W. of Ashwell and Maria, 2nd daughter late Wm Wright, Stretham p5

sale land p5

Haddenham Road made of stones and slag and reported the best managed in the district 15 May p6

1880 06 12

Frenchman imprisoned for stealing a fowl worth 3/- from Daniel Yarrow 12 Jun.p6

1880 06 19

Waterbeach Level advertised for an engine driver and drainage superintendent; he must have thorough knowledge of steam engines and boilers used for fen drainage and be experienced in drains and drainage works. His job was, with assistance, to drive the steam engine and repair it when necessary; when not in the engine house he was to superintend the level, repair banks etc. The salary was £85 pa plus a rent free house and coals 19 Jun p2

1880 06 26

excursion, rail & boat p1

Private schools in S. ,Sutton & Downham offered efficient elementary instruction, 90 children in the parishes attended not less than 250 times during 1879 26 Jun.p6

1880 07 03

Waterbeach Level met to appoint a new superintendent

1880 07 10

William Blinch's property was sold 10 Jul.p5

1880 07 17

Sale Gravel Farm. Of Wm Blinch CIP

1880 07 24

thumb blown off J : Edward Langford went to scare birds from the corn and took with him an old pistol; he put his thumb in the muzzle, the gun went off taking part of his thumb with it; Edward put his hand in his pocket to hide it and went home; he was taken to Addenbrooke's 24 Jul.p6

Choral festival in aid of restoration fund was held 24 Jul p6

1880 07 31

property sale: various tenants were under notice to quit when a sale was held; they included Edward Vail (a brick cottage in Green End), Samuel Coy (a double tenement in Red Lion St also occupied by the Wesleyan Chapel committee), also sold was another Green End cottage formerly occupied by Thomas Frohock and two orchards in the same area 31 Jul.p5

Blinch's sale: Gravel farm fetched £1300, 2 houses fetched £340, 3 tenements (possibly those in Green End) went for £140 while 2 more (probably those in Cage Lane) fetched just £70 31 Jun.p6

Church festival - an annual practice since the reopening of the Church 4 years ago; choirs from S. & Lt Thetford assembled on the Rectory lawn and marched into Church, followed by the clergy. The collection was £22.11.3 towards the £200 debt still outstanding. Afterwards there was tea in the school followed by speeches and glee songs 31 Jul.p6

1880 08 07

choral evensong church, annual since restoration; curate Rev R. Twells CIP

1880 08 14

Harvest prospects: wheat mainly below average, barley good but beaten down, oats above average, beans average, peas damaged by wet, wheat on the fens was drying very dark, some was blighted.

Some cutting had started 14 Aug p3

Church Sunday school treat held on the Rectory lawn, 200 attended, they marched into church for a short service and walked round the village Before having tea 14 Aug p6

Stolen apples value 2d cost Ann Frohock a fine of 9/5 14 Aug.p6

Cottenham was beaten at cricket 14 Aug p8

1880 09 04

death Chear Fen farm, Elizabeth Amelia, wife J. Dring Charles, 35 p4

1880 09 11

sale Gravel Farm exec Wm Blinch, p5

sale house & shop late Edward Wootton, centre village adjacent Dimock & J. Blinch, 330 on award, p5

1880 09 18

John Coxall from Plantation farm sold his stock 18 Sep.p5

Shop & house of the late Edward Wootton was sold .p5

1880 10 02

sale working horses exec Wm Blinch, Home Farm, p5

land White Cross & Grunty Fen to let p6

Harvest festival at church collected £8.10.0 for Addenbrooke's 2 Oct p6

1880 10 09

death Ernest Jas Boothman, 8 mo. P4

Best coal wanted - 150 tons to be delivered to the coal yard at the engine 9 Oct.p5

Coal - 28lb of coal, valued at 3d was stolen by Sarah Frohock she was fined 3/- with 19/6 costs 9 Oct.p6

1880 10 16

Carpenter's stock of the late Edward Wootton, Wilburton Road was sold; it included a variety of planks and boards, a new cart, 3 pit saws and household furniture 16 Oct.p5

1880 11 06

creditors Edw Wootton to apply

1880 11 13

Roads were reported not as clean as last year 13 Nov p6

1880 11 20

State of the Old West, polluted by Cambridge sewerage, might be cleared out and pipes laid to Stretham CIP

o-o- 1881 * -o-o-

census analysed [SB39]

Emily Wesley journal recalls village life to 1892; John Wesley father, Plough Monday, Valentines Day, May Day, Feast in street, last load of corn decorated with boughs – horkey, tramps & gypsies; Drivers, ‘donkey-riding’ when beat wife, killing pig. John & Fanny Wesley married 1880, lived Grove House built by old Billy Blinch before 1850 – described; church – Cockshott, processional cross viewed with horror, Lister family, Dr Dimock, Wesleyan chapel too big, Baptists baptised in river; circus elephants watered at pond, dancing bear, concerts, Julia Sennitt” wedding, tea meetings, Flower show [SB66]

1881 01 15

Agricultural Labourers Union held a meeting in the village which was well proclaimed by notices; only 30 people attended and despite the eloquence of the speaker none joined the Union 15 Jan.p6 CIP

1881 01 29

confirmation service p7 CIP

railway accident, man killed, p7 CIP

1881 02 05

Frederick Parish dealer moves swine. CIP

1881 02 19

Wm Wheeler threatened Geo P Sennitt his brother in law.CIP

1881 02 26

G P Sennitt poultry dealer kept stall on CAMBRIDGE market, hamper stolen. CIP

1881 04 16

Population 1076 down 60. Of these 743 were born in the parish and only 73 out of the county. There were 546 men and 530 women. One inhabitant was 95. There were 5 between 80 and 90, 37 between 70 and 80, and 70 between 60 and 70. CIP

1881 04 23

cricket club CIP

Henry Dimock lab drunk. CIP

1881 05 28

cricket match – CIP

1881 06 11

entertainment church organ fund p7 CIP

church restoration: the rector was able to announce the £210 still owing on the restoration had been paid off by Miss Helen Baber; an entertainment was held in the Boys school room, the star of the show was Miss Merivale whose songs 'Coming' through the Rye and 'Jock O'Hazeldean' were much admired. The proceeds were to go towards a new organ for the church 11 Jun.p6

1881 07 02

Wm Wheeler assaulted PC James Noble. CIP

1881 07 09

Baptist anniversary p7 CIP

1881 07 16

Baptist Anniv. CIP

1881 07 30

Church festival was successful 30 Jul p6

1881 08 06

sale estate by Bidwells p6 CIP

1881 08 13

Helen Baber - the church was again filled for the funeral of Miss Baber, daughter of the former rector, who was greatly loved and respected. Her body was brought to S from Clifton where she died, she was buried in the family vault 13 Aug p6 + CIP

1881 11 12

Harvest prospects were mixed (13 Aug p7) but the thanksgiving service was well attended 12 Nov p6

1881 12 03

marriage Jos Wright & Miss Mildred Blinch, p7

Boys school entertainment, p7

1881 12 10

Driver vs Wolf over cottage rent. CIP

1881 12 31

Frederick Wheeler assault trial. CIP

-o-o- 1882 * -o-o-

partnership Briggs Savidge, brewer & son John Henry Savidge [SB67 d24]

1882 01 14

Frederick Parish innkeeper assaulted Chas Langford carpenter. CIP

1882 02 21

John Parnell seeks situation as footman under a butler – Bury Post [NPP]

1882 04 08

Parish officers were elected 8 Apr.p6

1882 04 15

Concert held 15 Apr.p6

1882 04 22

Cricket club annual meeting, T.G. Parish chairman, W. Boothman sec; C. Wright jun treasurer and captain reported a balance of £11 22 Apr.p6

1882 05 06

Wm Henry Hazel drove a cart

Thomas Howard cattle strayed. CIP

1882 05 27

100 yard race between men from Cottenham and Haddenham attracted a large crowd
Church missions and choirs were in the news 27 May p6

1882 05 27

desperado: the feast was proceeding quietly when a desperado burgled the house of T.G. Parish; he ripped out the pantry window and cut meat from 2 cooked ribs of beef, not content with this he pulled the top off a loaf and helped himself to a stone bottle of beer; however he dropped the beer and was arrested on his way to Wilburton 27 May p6

Thomas Parish stole bread and Matthew Clarks cows strayed. CIP

1882 06 03

Wedding of Miss E. Bent & Mr. H. Ellwood was reported 3 Jun p6

Detailed report CIP

1882 07 01

Post Office transacts money order and savings business. CIP

1882 07 08

River pollution CIP

1882 07 29

Festival of St. James occurred 29 Jul p6

Thomas Parish house burglary. CIP

1882 07 30

Wreck of an express train, Stretham fen; train totally wrecked and engine in ditch; both lines blocked with wreckage and telegraph poles knocked down; injured taken Addenbrooke's Hospital - [scan]

1882 08 05

railway accident: a passenger was killed when a train from Cambridge to Ely braked suddenly to avoid an obstruction, the locomotive and leading carriage tumbled into a ditch; the accident happened in S fen 5 Aug p6, 26 Aug p4 [scan] and 12th Aug and 26th Aug CIP and 11 Nov CIP

1882 08 05

Fatal accident to Express Train – no one killed – Manchester Times 5 Aug 1882

1882 08 05

burglary house Thomas Gurney Parish, farmer – beef CIP

1882 08 05

sale excellent tower corn mill with patent sales ... [copied]

1882 09 09

Pheobe Parish assaulted Mary Sadler. CIP

1882 09 23

Chas Cranwell cattle strayed. CIP

1882 09 30

Wm Wheeler drunk CIP

1882 10 21

Parnell v R Howard

-he was a cripple had a wife and 4 children and was a twitcher owed £5.CIP

1882 11 18

Harvest thanksgiving and an entertainment complete the year 18 Nov p6

1882 12 30

John Tingay cattle drover robbed. CIP

Pheobe Pope died aged 96- seldom away from S good memory had 13 children etc CIP

o-o-1883 * -o-o

1883 01 20

Inquest on Austin Murfitt, just 2 years old 20 Jan p6

1883 01 27

Chas Cornwell publican drunk. CIP

1883 02 17

Shrove Tues meeting in Wesleyan Chapel to bid farewell to Robert Pope a local preacher. CIP

1883 03 31

amusements: the usual events took place - concert 31 Mar p6

Henry Howe did not send child to school. CIP

1883 04 14

vestry meeting 14 Apr,p6,

cricket club annual meeting 14 Apr p6

1883 06 02

entertainment 2 Jun p6

1883 06 30

cricket club

Thunderstorm - a heavy storm 30 Jun p8

Mr J Medlow for several years a member of Stretham cricket club is now in Queensland. CIP

1883 07 28

Festivals - dedication 28 Jul.p6

1883 08 18

Harvest prospects. CIP

1883 08 25

Chas Brown drunk. CIP

1883 10 06

Thomas Fletcher and Frederick Granger drunk. CIP

1883 10 20

Uriah Smith, a gipsy, was charged with stealing a box and about twelve shillings in money from the house of William Yarrow, Quarter Way, Stretham. Yarrow testified that the prisoner had come at seven in the morning saying he was hungry. I said: "You can tie beans with my son". He did so. He went into my house and looked at the time. Afterwards I missed the box and gave information to the police. Smith was apprehended at St Ives and charged. He said "How did you know about it. Nobody saw me steal it". He ran away but was caught and taken to the police station. On searching him was found one shilling and two-pence halfpenny, a Jews' harp and two apples. Uriah said he

was innocent – his father gave him four shillings. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour [scan]

1883 11 09

harvest thanksgiving 9 Nov.p6

Working Men's society 9 Nov p6

1883 11 17

Railway Tavern near Stretham station with good stabling, outhouses and half-acre land & coalyard to let CIP

1883 11 30

Final entertainment of year 30 Nov p6

-o-1884 * -o-o

Rev H. Pigot dies; "Resignation in bereavement: a sermon". [SB3]

Methodists buy land for new chapel [SN58]

Stretham Engine : I. Housley succeeds J. Walters (till 1930) [SB47]

sale land Read's St [SN149]

1884 01 18

"A Christmas tree" was organised by the Wesleyans in aid of the chapel building fund; articles of artistic merit were sold and £15.6.6 raised 18 Jan and CIP 5 Jan

1884 01 18

On Tuesday last a new mission hall & reading room was opened at the cost of the Evangelistic Mission, in which the Lady of the Manor takes the greatest interest. The building is not yet complete, but it was determined to open it at all hazards. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. C.R. Hurditch, his brother, Mr E. Hurditch presided, and was ably assisted by Mr Newell, the resident evangelist. Some sixteen months ago the gospel tent was placed at Stretham, and so great was the success of Mr Newell, assisted by Mr Hall, in this and the surrounding villages, that it was determined to build a new mission room, in which, as Mr Hurditch said, "Their great object was to preach Christ & Christ crucified". The building was entrusted to the now celebrated J. Charlton Humphreys, of Albert Gate, Hyde Park, London, who has erected some thousands of buildings of this description. It is made of corrugated iron, with felt next, and match boarded inside so as to keep it warm in winter and cool in summer. Through the courtesy of Mr Maisey, the foreman, we were shown over the building and informed that it was 56 feet long and 30 feet wide. The coffee room attached is 23ft by 12 feet, a lavatory is also provided and the whole building seems to be well ventilated. Some 400 persons sat down to a sixpenny tea, and during the evening over 600 persons crowded into the room but everything passed off very pleasantly Chronicle, 18th Jan 18 p.6 [VCH p158 CH Stitt p14]; opening Ch 18.1.84 [SN142] [cutt]

1884 01 19

Thomas Fletcher drunk and disorderly CIP

1884 02 01

funeral Mrs Pigot, rector's wife, p6

1884 03 01

Stretham Fen railway accident, Inquest into balance weight which caused the accident CIP

1884 03 08

Badger killed on C Wright junior farm by George White.CIP

Inquest on Thomas Chapman, a platelayer on the railway hears from his brother, John Chapman, labourer. CIP

1884 05 31

Wesleyan Bazaar and cricket match CIP

1884 06 21

Matthew Clark hackney carter allowed horse to stray. CIP

1884 07 12

in matter of estate of Joseph Hazel deceased; sale message with butcher's shop in Reads Lane, land Grunty Feb

1884 07 12

Barway sale Seven Stars public house ... pleasantly situated for excursionists adjoining the ferry bridge from Thetford to Barway [copied]

1884 08 13

Matthew Clarke accused by RSPCA of working unfit horse Bury Post [NPP]

1884 08 12

White Lion transferred from Ann Elwood to her son George Ebenezer [NPP]

1884 08 23 CIP

Telegrams will be forwarded and received at post office

1884 09 26

Rev Hugh Pigot, rector & author of 'The History of Hadleigh', 'Suffolk Superstitions' and other antiquarian works, died. Graduated Brasenose College – Times 26 Sep 1884 [scan]

1884 08 30

Licence of the White Lion transferred to G.E. Ellwood CIP

1884 09 13

Joseph Langford lab drunk. CIP

1884 10 03

Rev H. Pigot died; his 15 years in this village had seen considerable changes, with daily services, more frequent communion, choral festivals etc. He had given the site for the school and school-house and seen it to completion, had undertaken the restoration of the church and raised the necessary monies; had recast the bell, installed a new clock and much more. The whole village mourned his passing as he was buried on the West side of the churchyard under a tree he had loved 3 Oct.p7

1884 10 10

The curate Rev C.G. Griffinhoofe, left after 3 years so the church lost both its clergy together 10 Oct.p7

1884 11 01

Inquest at Red Lion on Samuel Allen lab, found dead on railway near Stretham Fen. CIP

Inquest on old woman, Frances Read Banks, ill for several days but refused to see a Doctor. CIP

-o-o- 1885* -o-o-

1885 01 09

Canon Cockshott a "very energetic and hard working vicar" was appointed; he was previously vicar of Burwell and rural dean of Fordham 9 Jan p6

1885 02 14

Public meeting on present state of the schools. Canon Cockshott called for support to stop schools becoming a burden to rate payers. CIP

1885 04 11

Joseph Westley and John Westley, machinists left traction engine on road at Littleport. CIP

1885 06 12

Methodist chapel: the last event to be held in the chapel before its demolition and rebuilding was an address on evangelist work in the cities by the Rev G. Beebee from Norwich; demolition had been delayed just to hear this speaker 12 Jun.p6 and CIP

1885 07 04

Political Meeting CIP

1885 07 20

foundation stone (no report appears in the 'Cambridge Chronicle' of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Methodist chapel; the following notes are taken from the "Cambridge Independent Press"). The first stone was laid by Neville Goodman who gave a short address, the children's stone was laid by Rev Richard Roberts of London, one of the ablest Wesleyan preachers of the time; the other people are as named on the stones themselves, to each was given a bible. A tea was held in Mr E. Dimock's barn which was decorated with flowers and evergreens and in the barn Mr Roberts gave a sermon. The takings amounted to £150 CIP 20 Jul. description ceremony [SB66 SN142]

1885 07 25

Cricket Match CIP

1885 08 01

Church Dedication Festival and parochial Tea.150 children at Sunday School Treat. CIP

1885 08 15

Harvest is good CIP

Cricket Match CIP

1885 08 29

300 new voters in this district. CIP

1885 09 18

Choir tea: after harvest thanksgiving service the new rector gave the choir a tea in the schoolroom 18 Sep.p6

1885 09 26

Population 1076.Water is obtained from wells; there is a public pump. The Feoffee houses are damp; a privy is built against one of them-close to the window. Birth rate 28 per 1000, Death rate 19.5.Infant mortality 17.9.The mortality is high for a district so favourably situated. CIP

1885 10 23

Politics: the Conservatives held a meeting in the village 23 Oct.p6

1885 11 28

Sale land Starlock common awarded Russell Blinch under inclosure act

1884 12 05

Neville Goodman visits polling station; supporters try to unhorse the carriage and pull him to his committee room. Hospitality of Mrs Savidge. Nearly the whole village turned out to support him. CIP

-o-o- 1886 *-o-o-

memories Sennitt

sale cott executors W. Wright, includes Hylton House [SN153 SN149]

ask for pump lower end village [SN117]

cemetery formed; churchyard closed & acre Berry Green purchased as cemetery under a burial board, for £400; had considered land Ely Rd occupied by Geo Wright [Stitt p10 SN9 SN117]

1886 01 30 CIP

Mission Hall revival services by 'Happy Billy' of the East End of London (W. Grove) ... people come nightly from villages around notwithstanding frost, snow, rain. Popular lecture hall crowded

1886 01 30 CIP

Church of England working mens society, Rev Cockshott is building a large room and would form branch

Canon Cockshott building a large room and would support church of England working Mens Soc. CIP

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Ancient Shephers supper at White Horse. CIP

1886 02 13

A road in Stretham declared a main road CIP

1886 03 13

Briggs Savidge baker fined for scales. CIP

1886 04 09

inquest drowning, p6

1886 04 28

Parish room: on 19th May the new parish room was opened, it was intended to be used for mother's meetings, classes for religious instruction and in winter months as a free reading room. At the opening there was a service in the church after which the choir and congregation moved to the Hall itself for another short service and an address by the Rector who had provided much for the £200 it would cost when fitted up 28 May p6

1886 07 10

Cricket CIP

1886 08 17

Charles Clark drunk. CIP

1886 07 24

Cricket. CIP

1886 08 14

Harvest prospects. Wheat not recovered from frost, Potatoes a failure. Heavy storms cause damage
CIP

1886 09 04

Wheeler Murfitt labourer drunk; John Lowe outbreak of Swine Fever. CIP

1886 10 08

Harvest thanksgiving was the last use made of the old organ 8 Oct p6

1886 11 05

New church organ was commissioned at a service attended by clergy from Burwell, Littleport, Wentworth and Ely. Following a parochial tea a second evensong was held at 6.30 with the Rev C.D. Kingdon of Prickwillow preaching the sermon. The organist throughout was Randolph Hall from Ely. The organ contained 5 stops and a coupler and had a "rich, full and cathedral-like tone". It was built by Messrs Walker of London and was adjudged a 'first-class instrument'. The late Rev H. Pigot had started the organ fund and the collection of £18 went a long way to removing the £25 still needed 5 Nov.p6 description of singing before organ by Charles Driver, 1923 [SN142]

1886 12 04

New Wesleyan chapel; once again the. 'Cambridge Chronicle' did not report the 1st anniversary service at the new chapel so again we turn to the C.I.P.. The new chapel acclaimed to be one of the prettiest in the area had cost - site and building £1,200 and to date £875 had been raised and property worth £100 left; the collection of £75 went to lessen the outstanding £225. The sermon by Rev Richard Roberts was followed by a lecture in the chapel after which they adjourned to the old chapel at the back of the new building turned for the occasion into a temporary dining room. Later the architect, J. Gunton addressed the gathering CIP 4 Dec p6
Elias Sennitt butcher false weights. CIP

-o-o- 1887 * -o-o-

1st burial in new cemetery - Charles Albert Charles, 11 weeks [Stitt p10]
sale Chear Fen farm, occupied by King Charles [SN149]

1887 01 22

Gannet shot by C. Wright. CIP

1887 01 27

rare gannet or Solan Goose shot on wash by C. Wright CIP

1887 04 01

King Charles' death was noted 1 Apr ,p6

1887 04 16

Wesleyan Chapel lecture. CIP

1887 06 04

Cricket. CIP

1887 07 23

Baptist Anniversary. CIP

1887 07 24

Queen Victoria's jubilee was celebrated with bells ringing from an early hour, the village was decorated with flags and some 600 sat down to a meal; a special service in the church was followed by the inevitable sports which were enjoyed by all 24 Jul p7

1887 08 27

sale Elm Cottage, brick and thatched cottage in Chapel Lane occ Mr Yarman, land exec King Charles

1887 10 08

Charles Rowell, ex long-distance champion of world ill treated mare at Milton – driven 40 miles on road to Stretham; James Akred labourer of Stretham gave evidence

1887 10 15

Thomas Rayment drunk.CIP

-o-o- 1888 * -o-o-

drain through allotment to be filled in to allow watercourse [SN117]

1888 02 03

drum and fife band; a concert comprising singing and music interspersed with readings was held in the schoolroom; the proceeds were to go to a drum and fife band recently started 3 Feb.p6

1888 03 23

Sudden death wife of John H. Savidge. Large number at new cemetery, coffin bourn on a hearse. CIP

1888 04 13

Elias Sennitt burnt hand on fire while in fit.CIP

1888 05 18

Accident to signalman at Stretham Fen.His left leg run over by train, died. CIP
Inquest CIP

1888 06 01

Eli Nightingale pushed in ditch, admitted to Addenbrooke's. CIP

1888 06 29

Wesleyan Gathering to raise money to furnish chapel. CIP

1888 07 20

Baptist Anniversary. CIP

1888 08 03

Home Rule van visits. CIP

1888 08 10

Cricket. CIP

1888 08 31

Mr Lowe newsagent. CIP

1888 09 07

The Liberal candidate arranged to hold a meeting but the Vicar refused the use of the schoolroom so held in John Wesley's barn. Now several farmers refused to contribute to support of the school.CIP

1888 10 19

Addenbrooke's hospital benefit from the collection of £4.18.7 raised at the harvest festival, together with some of the produce which had been on display 19 Oct.p6

1888 11 16

Geo Howe drunk.CIP

1888 11 23

A ten-day mission was held during which times services were given for men, women and children 23 Nov.p6

1888 12 07

Clark Murfitt cattle strayed. CIP

1888 12 21

County councillor: James Yarrow of Lt. Thetford was selected 21 Dec.p7

1888 12 28

Ely clergyman preached the advent sermons 28 Dec.p7

-o-o- 1889 * -o-o-

school board set up, church leased building [VCH p158 SB35]
coprolite works reopen, many find good wages
pumps & wells cleaned out & Town Pond [SN117]

1889 01 11

a treat was organised for the children 11 Jan.p6

1889 01 18

Choir supper - an annual event 18 Jan p6

1889 02 01

Ancient Shepherds. CIP

1889 02 22

Night school: 23 boys were examined and later given supper and amusements in the parish rooms by the rector 22 Feb p6

Lecture at church 22 Feb.p6

1889 03 08

Entertainment at school 8 Mar p6

1889 03 29

Fashionable marriage of Hugoline Pigot eldest dau of late reverend. CIP

1889 04 05

Confirmation 5 Apr p6

Vestry meeting 5 Apr p6

1889 04 17

Wedding of Julia Sennitt youngest dau of G. P. Sennitt one of the grandest ever at Stretham Church
CDN - scan

1889 04 22

Election of school Board CDN

1889 05 06

Canon Cockshott spoke about his night school. A club had been formed for some considerable time and the young fellows amused themselves by playing draughts and bagatelle. Gatherings were held four months during winter and meet five nights a week, he taught using a magic lantern. People paid a penny a week. They also had a very good cricket club CDN

1889 05 10

Miss Pigot was married in Warminster Minster 10 May p6

1889 05 17

Extension of an hour granted to Geo Bultift of the Red Lion and Charles Langford of the Chequers for Monday and Tuesday during the feast. CDN

1889 05 23

Ely shopkeepers had a cycle trip to Stretham for the feast, now they have early closing. CDN

1889 05 25

Concert in school CDN

1889 05 31

Concert in National School 31 May p6.

Harvest prospects CDN

1889 06 14

Chas Wright elected Bedford Level Corp. CDN

1889 07 12

School treat 12 Jul.p6

1889 07 19

Church Sunday School Treat in Rectory grounds. CDN

1889 08 30

Wm Thorpe and Wm Pedley, lab, drunk. CIP

1889 09 06

Sale land in Grunty Fen occupied by Thomas Fletcher

Sale land and cottage garden and premises in Read Street occupied By Mr Dewsberry CDN

1889 10 04

St James day celebrations p6

1889 10 05

Harvest Festival CIP

1889 10 07

Sale of hay and straw and a new five barred gate at the Threequarter House Pub one mile from Stretham Station. CDN

1889 10 25

Tramps broke into house of James Russell a labourer at a very lonely spot near Stretham Ferry. He locked up his house about 2 o'clock and went to work. When he returned he found four panes of glass broken. CDN continued 1889 11 01 CDN verdict not guilty. 1889 11 15 CDN

1889 10 31

Ely Railway Mission, Frederick Allen Stretham Station master gave address. CDN

1889 11 16

Theft from James Russell CIP

1889 12 06

Hand crushed: William Winter, just 13, had his hand crushed whilst grinding wheat 6 Dec.p8
Was working for Chas Wright. CDN

-o-o- 1890 * -o-o-

1890 01 04

Wesleyan Tea CIP

1890 04 12

funeral John Wright, Orchard House, held in tool house at entrance to ceremony

entertainment at the school room; this took 3 parts, the usual singing and recitations being followed by a tableau depicting various nursery rhymes and finally Mrs Jarley's wax works. The proceeds were to go towards a new bell in the church

1890 06 07 CIP

Frederick Wm Murfitt fell from tree while birds nesting

Baptist chapel anniversary ... treat ... field lent by Mr Hazell for amusement

1890 06 21

Liberal Meeting at Red Lion CIP

1890 07 19

Baptist Anniv.CIP1890 08 16

1890 09 06

The Graphic, epic ride of Herward: includes sketch of entrance Stretham [cutt]

1890 09 06

The Graphic, epic ride of Hereward: includes sketch of entrance Stretham [cutt]f

1890 09 27

in chancery Coulson v Coulson, Chittering and Railway farms Stretham

-o-o- 1891 * -o-o-

census analysed [SB39]

coprolites still worked – “small works a great boon as employ all surplus labour which otherwise out of work during winter” (see 1866) [SB59 SN142]

surrender to Henry Lister – message in Cross Lane or Cross St [SB67 d13]

railway build cottages near fen signal box & lengthen Stretham station platform [SN142]

1891 01 03

dinner to 100: a dinner was given to the labouring poor of S & Lt Thetford; 100 people sat down in the schoolroom for a meal which was the gift of Carberry Evans of Hatley Park, Gamlingay 30 Jan.p6 CIP

1891 01 30

Mr & Lady Henrietta Evans, the guest of the rector were present – pic bath chair

1891 01 31

dinner to old poor p8 CIP

1891 03 20

White Horse Pub was auctioned 20 Mar,p5

Auction furniture late Miss Granger, p5

1891 03 28

White Horse public house & premises occupation Fred Morden together with Lockspit Hall pub Haddenham for sale 2nd May 1891 (does not say owner)

1891 04 18

Wm Langford charged stealing saw, p7 CIP

1891 04 25

appointment master school, p7 CIP

1891 07 18

Sale 15 public houses ... includes New Red Lion beer house, Fen Road and accommodation land under will William Henry Apthorpe – copied

Similar advert 1891 05 30

1891 08 01

Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary, p7 CIP

1891 09 19

harvest wheat of inferior quality, potatoes diseased p7 CIP

1891 09 19

The Great Eastern Railway company, finding their two cottages at the Fen signal box too far for the man to walk backwards & forwards have purchased a piece of land from Mr George Willis, opposite the box and Messrs G. Thackray & sons, the welt-known builders of Huntingdon, have commenced to build two superior cottages. The foundations will have to be dug out nine feet deep to reach the clay. We notice about 8 feet down a thin vein of silt, mixed with different kinds of shells, as if before the formation of the bog it had been washed up by the tide. There is no doubt that it will be a great boon to the two signalmen who have to work the box to have their wives and families close to them, for it has been very unpleasant to go to their work in rough weather CIP 1891, Sep 19 p7

1891 10 03

mission hall service p7 CIP

1891 10 03

Harvest thanksgiving p7 CIP

Fine weather plus price wheat p7 CIP

1891 10 03

Once again we call attention to the improvements the GER are making to the station. The platform is being lengthened and raised on the outside edge so as to shorten the step in and out of the carriages which hitherto has been so dangerous that we wonder there has not been an accident with old and infirm people. We understand that the Local Government Board has ordered the alteration

in the signalling arrangements, which, considering the small amount of traffic on our line, seems a great waste of money, as in the future a man must be constantly kept in the signal box. CIP 1891, Oct 3 p7

1891 10 10
harvest thanksgiving p7 CIP

1891 11 07
woman discharged from Chesterton Union found lying in an outhouse p7 CIP

1891 11 07
coprolites ... although we have had a great deal of rain we have not suffered from floods as some parts of the county have done. The coprolite pits were stopped for a few days but the men are working again and have been all week. These small works are a great boon to the village as they just employ all the surplus labour which otherwise would be out of work during the winter CIP Nov 7 p7

1891 01 05
Skating on shallow water. CIP

1891 02 14
Coy vs Metcalfe, Old lady employed by school board to clean school at 2/6 a week but she claimed 12s for extra work. CIP

1891 02 28
Miss Howe app assistant teacher at Chatteris. CIP

1891 04 18
Wm Langford sawyer accused of theft of saw CIP

1891 07 11
Action against exec of Mrs Sennitt, she borrowed money from a money lender. She had a stall on Cambridge market and he took butter and eggs in lieu of interest. Now claimed payment from executors. CIP

1891 12 25
Evening Star lodge Supper CIP

1891 11 13
Conservative meeting p8 CIP
visit from Trinity Foot Beagles, p8 CIP

1891 12 25
Evening Star Lodge LOAS annual supper in the Lodge Room, White Horse Inn ... nearly 60 sat down to capital spread; are 139 members. Pleasant evening

1891 12 26
Perry Sennitt show of Christmas poultry ... Cambridge Express [scan]

-o-o- 1892 -o-o-

1892 01 01

county councillor Stretham & Thetford J. Yarrow
Skating at Wooden Bridge.CIP
Christmas cheer at Mission Hall.CIP

1891 01 08
Drunk – John Sadler was fined 9/6 for being drunk 8 Jan p6

1891 01 15
Hard steam coals - the Waterbeach Level needed 100 tons delivered to the Engine 15 Jan p5

1891 01 22
Over-60's dinner - 100 old people from S. & Lt Thetford were treated to dinner in the schoolroom at the expense of Carbery Evans. Mrs Bultitaft of the Red Lion did the catering, Canon Cockshott made a speech 22 Jan.p6
Skating: A. Driver of S. was beaten by N.Legge of Southery in the skating matches 22 Jan.p6

1891 03 04
county council election unopposed p6
1892 03 25
Wesleyan Chapel Anniv.CIP

-o-o- 1892 -o-o- check dates

1892 04 01
Magic lantern show on church history was given by G.F.C. Searle who entertained a large audience for 1½ hours 1 Apr p6
New bell: the 5th bell was placed in the church tower with a good attendance at the dedication service held when the bell was being drawn up. The cost of £38-5-0 had been raised by public contributions. The founders were Warner and Sons, it was hung by George Day and Son of Eye The curate Rev E. Teesdale had overall responsibility 1 Apr.p6

1892 04 08
Complaints have been made for two years about the school bell not being rung at nine forty-five ,letter. CIP

1892 04 22
Schoolboard election,-for first time Mr Wesley a candidate. When he was a boy he went to the school and others became school masters. But the schools sank so low they could scarcely get any child good enough to be a pupil teacher. CIP

1892 05 27
Canon Cockshott was appointed rural dean of Ely 27 May p6

1892 06 10
poor rate 10d p6

1892 07 08
T. Fletcher fined for unstamped weighing machine p6

1892 07 15
property prices: at a sale at the Chequers £85 was paid for 2 acres in Brook Field occ Wm Sennitt [bought Bradshaw £85], £450 for 11 acres in Starlock or Hay Fen Common [bought Dimock £450], while £172 bought 2 brick-built 4-roomed cottages in Front St between Mr Curtis & Francis Langford occ Mrs Curtis & Harper [bought Acred] 22 Jul.p4 & 29th

1892 07 29

Trespassing: John Sadler was caught poaching in Grunty Fen 29 Jul.p6
Property sale, Land. CIP

1892 08 05

Annual fete was held on 27th July when there was a Horticultural show and Athletic sports; the vegetables and fruit were very creditable and an improvement on past years; the sports were well attended. There was a special prize for the best cultivated allotment 5 Aug.p6

grizzly sight: a man and two boys were driving their cart along a narrow lane leading from Grunty Fen when they spotted the grizzly sight of the body of a man holding a revolver; they called the Witchford policeman and the body was taken to Ely. In the suicide's pocket book were two letters, one to the Coroner, the other to Mr Routledge, Mission Hall, S. The former told of his great mental torture which drove him to suicide, there was a portmanteau on Cambridge station which contained enough money to pay for the funeral. To Mr Routledge that man had written that he had heard of his 'kind and sympathetic feelings' he asked him to write to his wife. Mr Routledge did not know the man well, but had just passed the time of day with him 5 Aug p6

1892 08 12

Bridge to be repaired.CIP

1892 10 28

poor rate p6

1892 11 18

bridge: the Isle of Ely county council appointed a sub-committee to examine S bridge; they were to consider the two centre piers of the bridge and if necessary construct dams and arrange for underpinning 18 Nov p6

1892 12 18

Steam engine left outside Chequers.CIP

1892 12 23

Evening Star Lodge Supper CIP

1892 12 26

Perry Sennitt Christmas market advert – Cambridge Express [scan]

1892 12 23

Obstructing highway: John Bates & William Day were convicted for letting their horses and agricultural machinery stand in the street for 40 minutes 23 Dec.p7
Sennitt carrier to True Blue.CIP

-o-o-1893 *-o-o-

Alfred Wheeler new schoolmaster (till 1920) [CH SB35]
surrender Wm Dimock to Thos Jacobs messuage, Read's St [SB67 d14] sale [SN143]
300 at open-air service, Mission Hall, WS 30.6 [SN67]

1893 01 06

Death John Fitch 88. CIP

1893 01 13

Charity gifts were distributed 13 Jan.p6
Technical education course was reported 13 Jan p6

Over-60s treat 13 Jan.p6

Skating. CIP

School board. CIP

Post Office midday dispatch agreed. CIP

1893 02 01

bear at Stretham – CDN

1893 02 03

Midday despatch has started. CIP

1893 02 17

concert 17 Feb.p6

1893 02 24

The Nunnery Colliery Company v Fletcher over goods supplid.Frederick Allen station master produced the entry book which showed two trucks of coal were delivered. CIP

1893 03 17

Death Theodora Gibbons aged 3. CIP

1893 03 24

Death Thomas Driver aged 77. CIP

1893 04 07

Vestry meeting and a concert were held 7 Apr.p6

1893 04 14

lecture p6

1893 04 18

water famine, Stretham & Haddenham

1893 05 05

Mission Hall Anniv. CIP

1893 06 02

Sale of coprolite plant and shed with wheelbarrows etc on land occup of Wm Langford. CIP

1893 06 14

Coal merchant; a village coal merchant, Thomas Fletcher, went out of business 16 Jun.p6, 7 Jul. p6

1893 06 23

Joseph Sennitt sends letter from his brother in Melbourne

1893 06 30

Mission Hall open air service attracts 300-400 people.These services do not clash with others and hope that soon the church and Baptists will join in the Mission. CIP

Property Sale of late Geo Townsend of Fordham Stretham Land. CIP

1893 07 07

news item late Dr Kinder – CDN

Failure of coal merchant creditors of Thomas Fletcher-meeting. CIP

1893 07 08

funeral Dr Kinder – CDN

1893 07 14

Royal Wedding celebrated. CIP

1893 07 28

Letter delivery extended to out lying parts of village. CIP

1893 08 `18

Baptist Service in the river; eleven immerced by Rev A Routledge. CIP

1893 09 01

John Wesley letter on agriculture and

Geo Murfitt assaulted Rev Henry Pritchard when drunk. CIP

1893 09 08

Pea Pullers Party by Mr Wesley. Most peas go to London .Mr F. Hiam of Stratford Market said they were the best filled bags. CIP

1893 09 15

John Henry Savidge assaulted. CIP

1893 09 22

Harvest thanksgiving service 22 Sep. p6

Thomas Fletcher coal merchant publican and farmer for 25 years .Kept no records and lost much money.IN March his wife took over the business. CIP

1893 09 27

Evening Star Anniv at White Horse. CIP

1893 11 10

Accidental deaths: 2 such incidents happened at the end of the year – Robert Bushby chimney sweep. 10 Nov.p6,

1893 11 17

At present no labourers are out of work. CIP

1893 11 24

Sheep on the fen belonging to Mr Beville blown into a ditch in storm CIP

Church of England Temperance Society magic lantern entertainment CIP

1893 12 15

Ploughing Comp. for first time long report. CIP

1893 Dec 22

accident, Cambridge man, Wm Dennis witness a labourer. CIP

p6

There are more than six out of work at the present time. No one will employ them. I have never resided in a more base and wicked place than this-letter. CIP

1893 12 29

Christmas Day kept in the usual manner; Cof E Band of Hope children given presents. The Hand Bell ringers performed. CIP

B. Savidge sold gunpowder without a lic. CIP

-o-o- 1894 *-o-o-

1894-5 school enlarged & bottom school built [VCH p158 SB35]
failure Thomas Fletcher, coal merchant WS 2.3.94 [SN67]

1894 01 05

Letter from John Wesley Grove House Farmers cannot employ labourers as the land does not produce enough to pay its way. CIP

Stretham and Waterbeach Fen Commissioners to start some extra work. This will be a great boon as there are several men out of work now and the number must increase if no relief are started. CIP
Skating commenced on shallow water. CIP

1894 01 12

Plough Monday was kept in the usual manner. The "small boys" in the morning from eight to nine o'clock paid visits to most of the householders asking for something for the ploughboy. In the evening the village was all alive with men dressed up in all manner of costumes, with their faces and hands coloured while several parties dragged ploughs round the village. On Tuesday two or three parties of Morris dancers with a concertina visited. Everything passed off very well. CIP

School board Miss ... of Bradford appointed head mistress of the infant school. The new headmaster Mr Wheeler asked for several things. CIP

Old Folk Supper. Carbery Evans of Hatley Park asked eighty aged poor to supper in the school. CIP

1894 02 02

Alfred Wheeler leaves from Over School. CIP

1894 02 09

Alfred Wheeler: the children of the village of Over made a presentation of a timepiece and a library inkstand to their master; they accompanied the gift with a letter wishing him health and success in his new sphere. The master's name was Alfred G. Wheeler, his new school that of Stretham 9 Feb.p8

1894 02 16

Football v Soham CIP

1894 03 23

Schoolmistress: Miss L.G. Abbott was appointed mistress of the Infants 23 Mar p4

1894 05 04

Ely Petty Sessions: James Driver fined 4s 6d for stock straying. Ch 4. 5.1894

1894 06 14

57th anniversary of Baptist chapel p3 – CDN

1894 06 15

prolific brood – hen sitting on 14 eggs at end of three weeks, 4 rotten, 3 hatched and a hedgehog which must have been uncomfortable - CDN

1894 07 13

Mission Hall Sunday School Anniv. hall full. CIP
Wm Langford cattle strayed. CIP

1894 07 20

Flower Show annual exhibition in a large tent in J Dimocks field. CIP

Childrens sports and bike races, one for penny farthings. Most people turned out. A German Band happened to pass and played until seven thirty. CIP prizes 27th July

1894 08 03

Excursion: the Young Men's Bible Class and the choir combined in an excursion to Gt.Yarmouth 3 Aug p6

1894 08 10

Rural Sanitary Authority summons against owner of a house in Stretham occupied by H. Dimock which so dilapidated as to be unfit for habitation – granted

1894 08 17

Extraordinary mushroom on J B Dimocks farm. CIP

1894 10 05

Thanksgiving: the harvest thanksgiving started with Communion at 7-30 am. At 5.30 there was a parochial tea for 160 people in the schoolroom. The collection of £4.1.8 was for Addenbrooke's 5 Oct p6

1894 11 23

Letter from John Wesley on milk. CIP

1894 11 30

Ely PS: Larceny by Frederick Wheeler against George Perry Sennitt. Ch 30.11.1894, 7.12.1894

1894 12 07

nominations for parish council, p7

1894 12 07

Ely PS: Langford re: non-payment of Rates Ch 7.12.1894

1894 12 21

Parish Council Elections; only half voted Those elected were J B Dimock farmer, Henry Lister farmer, Rev Cockshott, John Wesley agric machinist, Geo Driver farmer, Henry James Lister, Wm Hopkins labourer, Fred O Sennitt grocer, John Henry Savidge grocer. Not elected, John Sennitt labourer Charles Driver farmer, Arthur Clark farmer, Joseph Sharp shoemaker. CIP

1894 12 27

parish council election & entertainment – CDN

-o-o- 1895 * -o-o-

names Baptist chapel trustees [SB33p38]

Parish council 1st meeting, Feb, W.H. Sennitt clerk [SB41]

Mothers Union starts, Oct [SB41]

Continuation school opens [SB41]

sale Royal Oak, Jul [SN142]

1895 01 04

string band under A.G. Wheeler gave invitation party in schoolroom, plough competition, hedging and ditching; Wesley & Co brought one of Ramsome and Sims' of Ipswich's professional ploughmen, winners and CIP

1895 01 11

Charity distribution was reported 11 Jan.p6

1895 02 01

Parish Council all the deeds and documents were produced, some written in Latin. To get price for a tin box. Parish pump needs repair. CIP
Skating Match. CIP

1894 02 15

Mission Hall services. CIP

1895 03 01

game licence offences – David Gotobed Meeks, labourer

1895 03 22

Railway bridge: two London men, Giles & Coe were injured whilst repairing the railway bridge over the Old West 22 Mar.p6
Football CIP

1895 03 27

violent gale, damage – CDN p4

1895 04 19

Annual Parish Meeting CIP

1895 04 19

Ely RDC – Stretham water supply
School Board Election. CIP

1895 04 26

School board election 26 Apr p6

1895 05 10

Joseph Wesley and wife serious trap accident. He unconscious and she badly bruised. CIP
Wesley and Co annual meeting at Grove Works Satisfactory results on the first years trading especially during ag depression. CIP

1995 05 24

Cricket. CIP

1895 05 31

sale of King Charles in the Oak

1895 06 14

Baptists Anniversary. CIP
Funeral of Miss Baber eldest dau of Reverend Baber. Body buried in family vault. CIP

1895 06 28

Mission Hall Anniv. CIP

1895 07 05

Cricket CIP

1895 07 19

Ely PS – school attendance case – John Hankin

1895 08 02

Flower Show. CIP list of winners.

1895 11 08

Curate: there was a presentation to Rev Henry Pritchard who had been curate 3-4 years, he was given a drawing room clock 8 Nov.p6

1895 11 08

licence Royal Standard transferred from executors of M. Clarke to R. Savidge; the Red Lion from I. Sawyer to A. Rowell CIP

1895 11 22

Wesley & co contractors for steam cultivating ... appointed agents for new radiator butter maker – copied

-o-o- 1896 * -o-o-

School enlargement of class and cloak room [SB41]

Stretham Engine scoopwheel increased to present size, old wheel in bad condition & rising breast installed [SB47]

Temperance society continue work, pity there an extension of hours of pubs during Feast [SB41]

Open air meetings at Ferry cease, Aug [SB41]

have brass & string band conducted by Mr Wheeler [SB41]

have parish library [SB41]

by 1896 vicar of S had already provided for the Diocese, from his own pocket, three Church Army vans at a cost of £100 and the money for 6 horses needed to pull them from place to place [SN147]
CIP interview ... : “there is a healthy nonconformist & Liberal part of the community but as a whole it is not progressive ... in 1844 we had a tremendous fire which burnt half of the cottages down and I should like to see another to burn some that are left ... lower end is badly supplied with water, only source is rain water and soak wells ... supply of public water in Green End, council decided it neither practical or desirable ... I came across one of the parishioners making his ½ mile journey for a couple of pails of drinking water ... [SN172]

1896 01 10

Rysley's charity was distributed 10 Jan p6

1896 06 17

Entertainment at school 17 Jan.p6

1896 01 24

church missions

1896 02 07

Soiree: Mr Wheeler's band entertained 7 Feb p6

1896 09 17

Rev R.M. Williams, curate, wife killed while cycling in Cambridge in collision butcher's cart, Victoria Ave – CDN

1896 09 19

inquest Mrs Williams p3 CDN

news item – CDN

outlook - CDN

-o-o- 1897 * -o-o-

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Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee - dinner to people, tea to children
town well – trees detrimental [SN133]
decide to leave Chapel Lane posts in place [SN133]
Briggs Savidge bankruptcy [SN142]
water in river higher than it had been since 1862, February [SB33p18]
church clock face repainted & repaired [SN129 SN142 (1857)]
G.P. Sennitt sent 7 tons poultry from station – EWN 1.1.1897
off licence moves from Red Lion St to Front St, EWG Aug
Friendly Societies Parade, May EWG
sale Hylton House [SN149 SN153]

1897 01 15
charity p6

1897 02 05
Bankruptcy: the adjudication was given in the bankruptcy of Briggs Savage, one of the leading
village figures 5 Feb.p6 -1897 02 17p2

1897 02 17
Briggs Savidge bankruptcy p2

1897 05 13
Stretham Amateur Dramatic Society entertainment, p3

1897 09 10
PC Fred Fuller presented with clock, Stretham, p3

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A little girl, aged nine, a daughter of a labourer was killed by lightning while sitting at tea in her
home at Great Paxton, near St Neots. Her little brother was also knocked down and rendered
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being shown distinctly. The lightning came through the roof, making a hole in the ceiling. At Ely it
is computed that the rainfall was about 150 tons per acre; a sheep was killed at Stretham and Mr J.
Yarrow of Thetford, had a mare and foal killed

1897 22 19
advert sale of goods belonging to Mrs Mary Wright, dec

1897 04 23
death John Pope, 81

1897 05 13
Briggs Savidge bankruptcy p2 1897 05 13
Stretham Amateur Dramatic Society entertainment, p3

1897 08 19
Jubilee Memento: The parish clock has been thoroughly cleaned and renovated, the face painted and
regilded. The work has been done by Mr Richardson, of this village who has been deservedly
praised for his efforts. The expenses have been covered by a collection made in the Church at the
special service held on Jubilee night. 19.8.1897 CDN

1897 09 10

PC Fred Fuller presented with clock, Stretham, p3

1897 09 17

Miss A.M. Baber, daughter of a former vicar died 17 Sep.p6

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1897 10 08

Harvest thanksgiving service 8 Oct.p6
Stock straying

1897 10 22

school cases

1897 10 29

Stacking and threshing prizes were awarded 29 Oct.p6

1897 11 05

death Wm Bennett, 73

1897 11 22

marriage Rev E. Teasdale & Miss Dorothea Cockshott, full report 19th

1897 12 03

School: the infants entertained 3 Dec p6
Gale: a gale stripped slates and tiles from roofs 3 Dec p6
John Charles died & an obituary appeared 3 Dec.p6
[no CIP digitized for 1896 and 97]

-o-o- 1898 * -o-o-

perhaps a new village correspondent was appointed as much more village news finds its way into the paper

John Wesley invents new safety guard steam driven chaff cutters [CH SN1]

Charles Wright of Orchard House dies in pew, Baptist chapel – biog [SN50]

repairs are need to ancient stone cross [SB41]

17 London children come on 2 weeks holiday, one bitten by dog [SB41]

... there are now only old men who understand harvest work, young labourers are swelling the tide that is drifting to London and other large towns and in too many cases to become inmates in our Unions, Sep [SB41]

Dr Barnardo's sent more children to be boarded out with foster families [SB41]

church council formed [SN117]

1898 01 07

Treat: a Sunday school Christmas treat, confirmation, mothers' meeting and charity distribution are reported 7 Jan.p6

1898 01 14

Football matches against Ely are noted 14 Jan p6, 25 Mar.p6, 15 Apr p6

Ploughing competition was held 14 Jan p6

1898 01 21

Young Men's friendly society meeting,

Sudden death Rebecca Jacobs, p6

1898 01 28

Nonconformity. There are 1055 people in the parish and the Wesleyan Chapel will hold 300. There are 27 members and 50 children on the books of the Sunday school. The Mission Hall will hold 400 and has congregation of 300. CIP

1898 02 04

band soiree p6

1898 02 12

Clara Parish of Stretham wins butter-making prize, Ipswich

1898 02 18

School Attendace awards CIP

Miss C Parish gets certificate in butter and cheese making. CIP

1898 02 05

Football. CIP

1898 02 12

Clara Parish of Stretham wins butter-making prize, Ipswich

1898 03 18

missionary meetings,

1898 03 25

Parish Meeting. CIP

Death of old tradesman W. Brown at Fulbourn Asylum, buried in cemetery. CIP

1898 03 25

Football CIP

1898 04 11

Bedwell Hey study – Henry Bultitaft, p4

1898 04 15

churchwardens election

technical instruction classes,

social evening band & singing class concerts, p6

1898 04 22

lectures on bee keeping p6

1898 04 29

school board election p6

lecture bee keeping

1898 05 06

Bertha Ann Sadler domestic servant charged theft. CIP

1898 05 20

Intoxicating liquors: villagers signed a petition to stop the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays 20 May p6

death Mrs Baxter from almshouse p6)

1898 05 20

feast p6

1898 06 03

foreign missions p6

1898 06 13

A few evenings ago a young cyclist well known in Broad street, Ely, was "scorching" along the Stretham Road. It was nearly dark, and he saw in the distance what appeared to him two bicycles abreast, with lights shining brightly. Being adept on the cycle, he thought he would shoot between them, when much to his surprise, and before he could stop his "horse", he found he had collided with a traction engine, much to the damage of the bike.

1898 06 17

Evening school: an evening continuation school started in June 17 Jun, p6

1898 07 08

BFBS

1898 07 15

Stretham Mission Hall tea, p2

1898 07 22

Death Benjamin Pope aged 77, after stroke. Had been railwayman. CIP

1898 07 29

school treat p6

1898 08 05

Excursion: the Y.M.F.S. had an excursion to Cromer 5 Aug. p6

1898 08 11

Drowning Dimock's Cote, p3

1898 08 22

A correspondent writes: "Two miles from Five Miles from Anywhere, No Hurry, there is a place called "Dimmock's Cote" on the waterway to Ely, about two miles from Upware, to which spot one of Messrs Bolton Bros. large furniture vans proceeded on Saturday last. Arriving without accidents

a very busy time was experienced in rigging up accommodation for living and stores. It is very advisable for anyone intending to camp by the river side to take a large filter, and even then to drink as little water as possible. Fishing was very poor. The bullocks which are grazed on the washes were attracted by the unusual lights and gave some little trouble, but owing to a good watch dog, due notice of their visits was early given, so we were always ready for the enemy”

1898 09 23

Liberal Van visited, CIP

1898 10 07

harvest festival p6

1898 10 14

Parochial tea followed the harvest service 14 Oct.p6

Safety guard: John Wesley was awarded a patent for his newly invented safety guard for steam-driven chaff cutters. This will be of great benefit as they are now compelled to use a safety guard. The firm are very full of orders CIP 14 Oct.

Death of Charles Wright. CIP

1898 10 27

George Wolfe, a Stretham agricultural labourer met his death at land each by having the life literally crushed out of him by the wheel of a traction engine. He fell from the steersman's man's step over the side of the engine, and the enormous wheel passed over his body, death being almost instantaneous. The foreman and traction engine driver said he was engaged in putting a piece of coal on fire and when he lifted his head he saw the deceased man's legs go over the top of the wheel. The boy who was walking in front of the engine at the time of the accident, said his attention was first attracted by the engine stopping. He looked back and saw the deceased lying on the ground, the wheel having passed over him. The roads were smooth at that spot. And CIP

1898 10 28

new proprietors of the White Horse pub (Lacon brewers) gave free supper to the usual attendants of the house. 51 sat down to a cold repast of roast beef and mutton ... songs were sung ...

1898 10 28

Isaac Langford labourers charged with leaving children chargeable – had left them with sister and taken into Union [copied]

1898 11 11

SPCK p6

Gunpowder plot: crackers were the order of the day on Nov 5th, one went off under the foot of a horse which bolted, smashing its carriage. The driver had a narrow escape from serious injury as he fell beneath the horse's hooves 11 Nov.p6

Lecture: John DeFraine delivered one of his celebrated lectures, this one on 'Funny folks' 11 Nov.p6

1898 11 27

The Parish Councils Act, how it works in Stretham; John Wesley interviewed – Cambridge Independent Press, 27 November 1898

Stretham is an ancient market town. I have before me as I write a copy of a charter granted by Charles I bearing the date of the 13th March 1635, the tenth year of the reign of that unhappy monarch, granting to one Sir Miles Sandys, Knight and Baronet, Lord of the Manor of Stretham, the right to hold weekly fairs and two annual feasts “providing the said market or fairs, or either of them, is not or are not to the damage of any other neighbouring markets or fairs”. As one drives through the centre of the village, one is struck by the outline of the old parish church, a structure in the Perpendicular style, and by the cross which stands on the Market Hill. This cross is a neat piece

of architecture, and its origin is lost in conjecture. Some say it is the market cross, others that it is the resting place of those who bore the corpse of St Etheldreda as they conveyed it from Haddenham Priory to Ely; others aver that a certain Bishop here came for the first time in sight of Ely Cathedral and praying, took off his shoes and walked with naked feet to the scene of his future labours. Be that as it may the village of Stretham has many interesting associations which carry the mind back far into the hazy past, when the parish was probably more important, comparatively speaking, than it is now. And the influence of the past hangs heavily over the heads of the parishioners to this day, for notwithstanding that in Stretham there is a healthy Nonconformist and Liberal part of the community, as a whole it is not progressive.

The maxim in which the chairman of the Parish Council embodies the philosophy of the village is that "Providence can do what it may but Providence itself shall not impose a ½ d rate upon the parish. The parish has an acreage of 3,809 and rateable value of £7,434, while the population stands still at about 1,050. Still Mr Wesley informed me that the parish held its population better than any other in the neighbourhood.

Mr Wesley is the Chairman of the Parish Council and a principal in the firm of Wesley & Company, whose engineering works are at Stretham. "The company", he told me, "employs on the average about 20 men in the works and in superintending ploughing and threshing tackle which we send out to farmers. There is a large demand among the farmers for steam-driven machinery, although we have been obliged to come down with the times in prices, so as to bring it within the reach of the farmers.

Turning to Parish Council affairs Mr Wesley said allotments were the great burning question of the day. The allotment land belonged originally to seven parishes. It was part of a piece of wasteland known as Grunty Fen. When this was open waste it was used for pasture, anybody could turn one to a thousand sheep out there to pasture. When this was enclosed under the Enclosure Act they allotted to each of these parishes so many acres for allotments according to population and the remainder was taken up by the freeholders of the parishes.

To enclose these allotments and allot them out & pay for the portion of the roads, they had to mortgage the land. The income from rents was put up by public auction and sold, & so Stretham has always since been paying a £40 a year rent charge for 39 acres 3 roods 30 poles. The tenants came to the Council and complained of the rent being excessive. They were charged 8s per rood—it had been 10s, and it is very poor land. No one knew why they were charged this. Neither the Rector nor wardens knew anything about it. I, however, went to the award and took this copy relating to Stretham and showed it to a barrister who is willing to give me any information on these matters. I was wondering if we could not borrow the money at a less percentage and repay it in that way. When he read the award he said it was a rent charge which varied according to the price of corn.

That opened up a new aspect of affairs. The Parish Council itself as wardens of the allotments undertook to reduce the rent 1s, per rood, and opened up correspondence with the owners of the rent charge, asking why the charge had not varied with the price of corn according to agreement and afterwards asked for a return of all moneys paid in excess of

what was due under the Tithe Rent Charge Act. The Solicitor for the owners questioned the title of the Council to make this demand. The clerk was instructed to point out the clause of the Act under which we acquired authority, and on November 12th a letter was laid before the Council respecting the balance due to the Council, which the solicitors for the owners make out to be £18 13s., after the allowance of the rent for the present year. We had refused to pay any more rent until the matter was settled.

In addition to this land we have 17 acres in the village, let out in roods at 12s. a rood. It is splendid land, and we have no difficulty in getting the price."

CHARITIES.

Part of this 17 acres belongs to the Rysley Charity, left by Dr. Rysley, a former rector. The gross income from this charity is £97 Is. 6d. from land and house property. Then there is property left by Martha Digby, some of which is land included in the 17 acres allotments, and the rental of that is £17 3s. 10d. There is also Upton's Charity, consisting of property bringing in an annual income of £6 8s. Another source of income is from a farm at Upton in Huntingdonshire. Christ's College are the owners, but they have to pay us a certain sum; some years it comes to £30 and one year they brought us into debt by buildings etc. Our charities' income averages about £120 a year and this is given away on New Years Day in the way of tickets for coals and clothing to every labourer's family. Yes, the Council have representation on the trusts. I was elected with Mr G. Driver and Mr J.B. Dimmock to represent the Parish Council in place of the churchwardens. We found that the charities had been economically managed, and there were no abuses"

I here remarked on the fewness of thatched cottages in Stretham. and the neatness and substantiality of the dwellings to the casual observer. "Yes" assented Mr Wesley, "but there are some very bad dwellings in Stretham yet. In 1844 we had a tremendous fire in the village which burnt half of the cottages down & I should like to see another to burn some that are left. As to ditches and drains I have maintained that we ought to have control of all sanitation of the village, but hitherto I have been opposed by a majority of the Council, who are perfectly satisfied with the way in which sanitary affairs are conducted. You see the Surveyor is not under the control of the Council. The law tells you that you can appoint a surveyor, and when you have done so you have no control over him whatever. I say he ought to be the servant of the Council, and I think the law should be altered to that effect. Yes we appoint our own overseers. We have not made out a valuation list, although the overseers have had to deal with that under the new Rating Act

Water Wanted

"The lower end of the village is badly supplied with water; its only source of supply is rain water and soak wells. This year, on April 16th, at the first meeting of the new Council, a letter was read from the Clerk of the District Council asking for the opinion of the council as regards the desirability of making a public water supply in the Green End. It was carried by the Council – I & others dissenting – that it was neither practicable nor desirable. Taking the village as a whole, there is more than one-third without any proper water supply. Many of the villagers have to come half-a-mile in order to get drinking water. There is an abundant supply of water at the top end of the village – anywhere above the church, but you would have to go 500 Or 1,000 feet to the gault in order to get to the lower green sand, at the lower end of the village. I believe I could secure a supply to the whole village for the cost of a penny rate, and yet the Council will not grant it"

Burial Board

"We have taken over the business of the Burial Board in regard to the public cemetery. That cemetery consists of one acre and it is supported by a special Burial-rate. We selected a site on the Lord of the Manor's estate/ We asked for one acre in a certain field and he agreed to let us have it for £100, we paying the cost of transfer etc. We immediately wrote to his solicitors who said the abstract of title would take up forty folios, which we did not want. The transfer cost, I think, something like £80, and the cemetery as a whole cost us about £350. It was controlled originally by a Board of nine members. Our present Burials Committee consists of the whole of the Council. We hold out meetings publicly in the Board School, but very few people have come to them hitherto. For the future we are going to post our agenda paper on a notice board so that the people will be able to see when meetings are to be held and what business is to be transacted"

Nothing for Improvements

The Stretham Council is able to make the empty boast of having spent nothing on improvements. It has spent, however, some £2 19s on printing and other formal expenses, and the rest of its expenditure has been in regard to elections

“As to elections”, said Mr Wesley, “I think that a poll ought not to be allowed on the demand of one ratepayer. There ought to be at least two or three. The show of hands too is unsatisfactory. A simple form of ballot would be introducing into the parish meeting instead of the show of hands. Our first contest cost us £10 7s. Out of that we purchased all the requisite paraphernalia and our last election cost between £6 & £7. I believe the Parish Council should be the Sanitary Authority, but, of course, there should be a superior authority, which should see that the Parish Council does its duty”

A Difference

“There has been a slight cause of difference between the Parish Council and the County Council, which arose in this way. We had some trees growing by the side of the turnpike adjoining the Parish Lane and I thought they, together with the herbage, belonged to the owners of the adjoining land, and we carried a resolution instructing our Clerk to write to the Surveyor of the County Council calling his attention to the fact. The Surveyor of the County Council ignored us, and said he had orders from the Committee to sell the trees and he sold them. Now, Mr Corrie Grant has laid it down as his opinion that trees and herbage on the highway are the property of the adjoining owner. However they have done it without asking our assent”

This concluded our conversation. Afterwards I walked round Mr Wesley's works, and on entering the high road adjoining the allotments I came across one of the parishioners making his half-mile journey for a couple of pails of drinking water. Surely this is an anomalous state of affairs which ought speedily to be ended

1898 12 09

Temperance: the Ely Diocesan Church of England temperance society also held a lecture 9 Dec.p6
Home missions p6

-o-o- 1899 * -o-o-

1899 01 06

mothers' meeting p6
Sunday school Christmas treats
bell-ringers annual supper 6 Jan.p6

1899 01 13

Dance: a band and singing class dance was held 13 Jan.p6

1899 01 20

Chamber of Agriculture Meeting.
John Wesley writes on deep cultivation. The ordinary plough used with most steam plough tackle was best implement. Previously consulted by Chas Wright on breaking up sub soil. Also used at Littleport. Details very interesting. CIP

1899 01 27

the choir supper, p6
Girls Friendly Society p6
inspectors report on the schools 27 Jan p6
Thomas Keats baker delivered bread from a cart without scales. CIP

1899 02 03

concert

1899 02 24
lecture on religion

1899 03 24
school inspectors report, p6

1899 04 07
vestry meeting p6

1899 05 26
Cricket at annual feast. CIP

1899 07 07
Outing: the choir and Band of Hope held their annual outing in July

1899 07 21
school treat
Sale of property of Reed Camps. CIP

1899 07 28
Wesley and Co exhibited implements at Ag Show. CIP

1899 08 04
Horticultural Show. CIP

1899 08 25
Harvest Prospects

1899 11 17
Patriotic fund collections for the Patriotic fund for soldiers and sailors families (17 Nov p6)

1899 12 08
lecture for the Home Missions 8 Dec p6

-o-o- 1900 – o-o

G.H.S. Willis died without heirs, manorial rights since lapsed [VCH p154 SN164]

1900 01 05 - Ch
Christmas treat
Mother's meeting tea p6
National school
Cookery lecture
Confirmation p6
Choir supper p6
School closed, measles p6

1900 01 19
mothers' meeting
evening continuation class supper

1900 01 26
soiree in aid of war funds p6

1900 01 31

John Green, son of James & Sarah, miller, suffers chronic indigestion – Dr Williams Pink Pills advert, plus portrait – Aberdeen Weekly Journal, 31.1.1900 [cutt] & another [scan]

1900 02 15

Inquest S. Constable, child, Stretham, p2

1900 02 16

inquest – Constable, 6 weeks

1900 03 09

drunken woman, Ellen Asplin p6
no railway ticket, Wm Topling, p6

1900 03 16

school report, p6
Letter, Stretham parish roads are mud holes from Arthur Clark. CIP

1900 04 06

Samuel Housden has a box of the Queens chocolates sent by his son who was in South Africa. CIP

1900 05 04

straying stock in Grunty Fen p6 Thomas Fletcher. CIP

1900 05 11

Red Lion meeting Waterbeach Level p8

1900 05 24

church parade p6
cricket match p6

1900 06 08

poors rate set
death Charlotte Blinch, p2

1900 07 20

Flower show, Plantation farm p6

1900 08 03

Alfred Pacey cab driver obstructed traffic. CIP

1900 08 17

choir excursion, Yarmouth p6

1900 09 21

harvest thanksgiving p6

1900 09 26

Stretham collection meet p3

1900 10 19

damage to notice board in Grunty Fen p6

1900 11 09

Miss Anderson of Coventry becomes Infant School Mistress. CIP

1900 12 07

soiree, cricket club p6

ploughing match p6

1900 12 21

lighting act p7

G.P. Sennitt receives 2500 head of poultry. Has sent several tons away by rail. CIP

N. Sennitt carrier to Cambridge and Ely. CIP

-o-o-1901-o-o-

1901 Queen Victoria memorial service [SN142]

1901 proposal to name road from Mission Hall to Brooks Lane 'Victoria Rd' defeated [SN133]

1901 Social club started in parish hall

1901 old well near Baptist chapel re-opened, pump erected is 24 ft deep; plentiful supply of water found; proposed to erect a pump near it. People can remember the well being used [SB33 p6 SB41]

1901 35 London holiday children visit, September; this with 16 children from Dr Barnado's homes give an air of liveliness to the village during the harvest season the intercourse of town children with those in rural parishes is calculated to provide a spirit of sympathy between rich and poor [SB41]

1901 Parish room used for evening meetings young men [SB41]

1901 farm account book, Stowbridge Farm to 1911 [SB69]

chronicle list on sheet

1901 01 04

CIP

Edward Low – CIP p3

Distribution of clothing to charity, p8

New Year service bell ringing, p8

Petty sessions, Percy Reginald Stanley applies for exemption certificate, p8

Rainfall p8

1901 01 11

CIP

skating, p8

volunteer battalion Suffolk Regiment recruiting, p6

1901 03 08

CIP

Travelling musician Edward Bye sent to prison for stealing p5

1901 04 04

CIP

Parish meeting p5

1901 04 12

CIP

Football match

Services in school room, p8

1901 04 24

CIP

Census – population decreases p8

1901 07 05

CIP

John Wesley of Grove House successful in butter-making competition, p8

1901 07 12

CIP

Joseph Ash (?) fined assault Hephzebah Downham, p8

An 78 year-old man was summonsed for assaulting Hephzibah D. He had taken her a rose which she'd accepted & said: "If I give a woman a rose, I expect a kiss". He had said so to scores of women. (Laughter). She did not wish to kiss him, whereupon he said: "I don't want to kiss you; so it's of no consequence". He never laid a hand on her; he did not see her frothing at the mouth. Did they believe with an able-bodied young woman of under 30 years and a tottering old man that anything took place. No jury in England would convict. However he was fined 10s. CDN 1901 07 12

1901 11 08

CIP

Wesley chapel lecture p8

1901 11 15

CIP

Evening star lodge LOA supper p8

-o-o- 1902 -o-o-

1902 village club accounts – 40 meet in parish room [SB41]

1902 celebrate Coronation [SB41]

1902 church heating renovated [SB41]

1902 hand bier bought [Stitt p10 SB33 p3 SN133]

1902 OS 25" map

1902 use of Berry Green pump : use of well for water cart deprived water in village wells [SN133]

1902 Elizabeth Sadler of Stretham's church – Henry Crisp CDN 1902 p4

1902 02 10

Stretham School well managed. CIP

1902 02 07

Captain Greene MP delivers talk. CIP

1902 02 07

SPG and Social Club CIP

1902 02 14

Ernest Parish awarded scholarship. CIP

Andrew Grant lectures on fruit. CIP

1902 02 21

Murfitt and Constable, children on ice covering a deep pond in John Wesley's field. The ice gave way. Their mothers tried to rescue them and had to be helped by Geo Driver.

Skating match on Engine Drain. CIP

1902 07 25

Wesley and Co win medal for reaping attachment for mowers. CIP

1902 09 01

Boy injured Driver's farm, Stretham, CDN p3

1902 10 30

A most enjoyable evening was spent by about one hundred harvest-men of the Stretham district who were invited to supper by Messrs Bailey and Tebbutt of the Panton Brewery, Cambridge.

Afterwards a concert was held in which local talent took a prominent part, especially a youth named Dimmock who shows great promise of becoming a good comic singer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded George Wright who for several years has placed his large barn at the disposal of the guests for this annual feast and to Host and Hostess Jacobs for the excellent manner in which they cater for the large company.

-o-o- 1903 -o-o-

1903 01 15

Harvesting accident: Victor Wright sued James Howard, farmer of Grunty Fen, for injuries in harvest operations [cutt]

1903 02 21

There are many colonies of Dr Barnardo's children in Cambridgeshire, and no pleasanter life for them can be imagined than the breathing of pure air and association with happy village children, whose happiness is shared by their playmates. At Witchford there are no fewer than 22 boarded out from the Home. Two girls, one six year old and her sister, eight, were given a ride by the Vicar in his carriage while he made arrangement for meetings in neighbouring villages. He is exceedingly fond of children, enjoying the company of the little ones and shared merrily in their conversation. He took them to Stretham station and they walked back home to Witchford

1903 03 13

T Jacobs thanks for sympathy in bereavement. On the funeral of his daughter a wish was expressed that the church bell should be tolled. A note was sent to the sexton with a fee of one shilling. But Canon Cockshott refused to allow it. Report of funeral. CIP

Death of Mrs G.P. Sennitt of Rose Sennitt. Was a remarkably business woman attending Cambridge market over 50 years to superintend a large dairy produce business. CIP

1903 03 17

G.P. Sennitt funeral, Stretham, p3

1903 03 20

A typical country Funeral of Mrs G.P. Sennitt, large gathering. The village had been in mourning and were many signs of sorrow and regret. Names of those attending. A young man from Cambridge was holding a wreath when he was seized with a sudden illness and had to be taken out of the cemetery. CIP

1903 04 17

Thomas Jacobs questions why Rector refused Church bell to be tolled. Article appears in the Liberator, says sexton must toll the bell if asked. CIP

1903 05 22

Wm Langford dies, was keen sportsman.

Friendly Soc Annual Parade headed by Wilburton Drum and Fife Band. Only small number marched. Service in Church, money to Addenbrooke's. CIP

1903 08 07

Pretty wedding of Annie Parish dau of T.G. Parish long list of attendees. CIP

1903 12 18

Nursing lectures well attended. CIP

o- 1904 -o-o-

1904 Specimen lamp placed in church, welcome more [SB41]
[SB41]

1904 01 15

Dr Beckett thanked for his attention under trying circumstances to signalman Barker of Stretham Fen. CIP

Annual Coursing Meeting. CIP

1904 02 12

Lantern Lectures, and Mission Hall. CIP

1904 02 19

Parish Council say speed limit should be 10 miles per hour. CIP

Death of Charles Wright of Ashwell buried in cemetery. CIP

1904 03 11

Olive Langford and Harold Wheeler pass scholarship. CIP

Parish Council Election and Charity distribution. CIP

1904 04 01

Stretham sewers provided; a new sewer has been laid along Green End and all house drains connected.. Two parish pumps repaired. CIP

1904 04 08

Parish Meeting. CIP

1904 04 22

Parish Council. CIP

1904 07 01

Aldreth Causeway Inquiry. CIP

1904 08 05

John Wesley engineer gives evidence at Linton Traction Engine explosion. CIP

1904 09 02

Walter Wm Jackson, no dog lic. CIP

1904 09 09

Theft of shepherds dog near church. CIP

Dangerous condition of a tunnel at the pond in Pond Road. CIP

1904 09 23

Harvest Thanks. CIP

1904 09 30

Harvest Thanks. CIP

1904 10 14

Teachers salaries increased from £35 to £40. CIP names Miss S Phelps, Miss O Langford. Nov 4th CIP

1904 10 21

Frederick Wheeler, aged resident, charged stealing potatoes from field Wm Lowe; Percy William Beazley (12) & Albert Baxter (11) employed in adjoining field gave evidence. Daniel Steward of the Royal Standard said prisoner visited his house on Saturday evening and offered for sale a bag of potatoes which he said he'd grown on his own land. Gave him a shilling. ; sent prison for month

1904 11 04

Thomas Jacobs marries Miss Crisp at Swavesey. CIP

1904 11 18

Wesleyan Concert. CIP

1904 12 16

Coursing Meeting. CIP

Shepherds Annual Supper. CIP

-o-o- 1905 -o-o-

1905 Edward Lowe, daily carrier to & from Ely 40 years [SB41]

1905 death George Wright, our well-known farmer, 46 [SB41]

1905 nave & chancel painted [SB41]

1905 Empire Day observed for first time, bells, flag [SB41]

1905 Parish Library rules [SB41]

1905 Band of Hope excursions

1905 01 13

Gravel wanted for playground. CIP

1905 01 17

breach of promise case – Driver & Parnell [cutt]

Stretham litigation, p4 *

1905 02 03

Bankruptcy Edward Ernest Driver farm labourer. CIP and 17th Feb

1905 02 15

Stretham breach of promise, p3

1905 02 17

Miss S Phelps resigns as assistant at the Stretham Provided Girls School

. CIP

George Wright dies aged 46. CIP

1905 03 10

Charity Trustees. CIP

1905 03 15

Breach of promise case – Edward E. Driver, farmer & Miss Parnell; Grunty Fen farm run by his brother, was labourer under his mother, bankrupt – [scan] also 1905 04 12 [scan] [cutt]
Stretham defaulter, p3 *

1905 03 17

Mrs Gibbons two move from Infants department to the mixed school. Blanche Wheeler and Harold Breake temporary monitors. CIP

Breach of promise case continued. CIP and 14th April CIP

1905 04 12

Driver breach of promise – closed [scan]

1905 04 14

John Sennitt worked on a farm until he was 24, then went to America and settled in Ohio. Became friends of James Garfield future President of USA. Became postmaster, built a new post office and when that was destroyed by fire put a new one up. Was very popular. Died CIP

1905 04 21

T.G. Parish correspondent to school managers. CIP

1905 05 12

Stephen Searle, farmer sues hay merchant. Sent straw by Stretham Station CIP

1905 05 26

Blue caps nest

Friendly Soc Parade. CIP

1905 06 16

No publican would give a dinner to county official. CIP

1905 06 23

Liberal garden party. Grove Lodge. CIP

1905 07 07

Thomas G Parish farmer and clerk to schools sued by Burrows newsagents for penny illustrated papers for night school where were used for reading books. CIP

1905 07 21

Mission Hall Treat CIP

Death of Wm Drever 77 had attended Ely market 50 years. CIP

1905 08 25

Stretham Anchor Tennis Club Match. CIP

1905 09 01

Military Manoeuvres-Scots Greys billeted in village. CIP

-o-o- 1906 -o-o-

1906 pubs list [SB23]

1906 agree telegraph (telephone) office [SN133]

1906 when electric bells fitted in rectory ancient oak beams discovered under floor present dining room [Stitt p12]

1906 Church has been dedicated to St James the Great to distinguish it from St James the Less; observed at special communion [SB41]

1906 Rector, Canon Cockshott, resigns after 57 years ministry; presentation Nov; S.S. Stitt inducted Dec. [SB41]

1906 01 08

suicide John Goodman, millwright of Ely Rd, worried about paying rent [scan]

1906 01 19

Coursing. CIP

1906 02 16

windmill fantail shattered in storm, WS 16.2.1906 p8 [SN67] and straw stack overturned. CIP

1906 03 02

Sale house butchers shop Bell Street. CIP

1906 03 30

Accident. Hepxibah Constable, fell on fire. CIP died 20th April CIP

1906 04 14

Hepzibah Constable fell on fire – inquest CDN 14. Apr 1906 [scan]

1906 05 26

Harry Crisp engine driver at Wesleys leaves for Canada. CIP

Cricket Match. CIP

Joseph Sneesby of Wilburton fainted at Baptist Chapel. CIP

1906 07 06

heavy rainfall floods streets, no such record since 1879, WS 6.7.1906. [SN67]

Joseph Lythell cattle strayed. CIP

1906 08 03

Walter Sadler drunk and disorderly, police say was mad drunk. Had to be handcuffed and his legs were strapped. His father helped to get him home. Somebody put whisky in his beer fined 10 shillings. CIP

1906 08 10

Horkey supper to harvestmen – Bailey & Tebbutt good old-fashioned horkey supper to harvest customers .. barn lent by Mrs George Wright [scan]

1906 08 17

Tennis Match. CIP

Stitt offered Rectory. CIP

1906 09 14

Olive Langford assistant teacher passed examination. CIP

1906 10 12

Presentation to Rev Cockshott. CIP

1906 10 26

H Allgood of Cricket Club awarded bat for high average

1906 11 13

Stretham – Stitt instituted – 06 11 13

1906 12 07

The inhabitants of Stretham have become convinced that there is more water in the village than they had ever imagined. Mr J. Wesley has no supply on his engineering works and persuaded Mr B. Tompkins, the expert water finder, to make a survey. Holding a 'divining rod', consisting of an ordinary hazel twig, he traced the courses of various streams and eventually found that four of them converge on the lawn of Mr Wesley's own house. 1906 12 07a & b & [scan]

1906 12 14

Platform at Stretham station raised to a safe height years ago. CIP

-o-o- 1907 -o-o-

1907 church organ enlarged & improved by H.J. Lister [SB33p6, p36]]

1907 choir has 25 young men & boys – up to 70 by June, recruit new bellringers; new carpet in sanctuary & altar frontal; need 10 new lamps; shocking state churchyard; – list of church improvements include work on roof, 2 ancient tombstones former rectors placed in S. transept, Mar; Lister memorial organ; faculty remove part screen make room organ [SB41 SN117]

1907 death of Robert Morden, oldest inhabitant, last of his line [SB41]

1907 telephone office opened; details [SB33p18]

1907 sale, Wood Lane [SN149]

1907 01 04 WS

Late baroness Burdett-Coutts visited S. rectory to meet Rev H.E. Baber 4 Jan p5 WS

Free Church council quarterly meeting, Wesleyan chapel 4 Jan p8 WS

1907 02 01

Within three miles of Witcham Gravel is another unique parish, that of Grunty Fen. It contains a population of 74, boasts of two railway stations, but has neither church, school, post office nor shop. The clergy of Stretham and Wilburton voluntarily minister to the spiritual needs as it is not within the limits of any ecclesiastical parish. 07 02 01b

1907 03 08 WS

Obituary - Mrs Marshall 8 Mar p8 WS

Mission Hall : special service 8 Mar p8 WS

Charity - money school attendance 8 Mar p8 WS

Parish meeting - election parish councillors 8 Mar p8 WS

Pretty wedding : Emily Annetta Wesley & Sidney A. Talbot 22 Mar p8 WS

1907 03 12

Stretham suicide, William Wallis aged 67 – 07 03 12 and CIP

1907 04 05 WS

Canon Cockshott's work 5 Apr p8 WS

Parish council 19 Apr p8 WS

1907 04 06

aged Canon Cockshott lectured Witcham, carries his years lightly; first at Huddersfield & Soham, then at Burwell & Stretham has shown wonderful power of working for church for 60 years ... pastoral visitation, instruction of children etc and office of Rural Dean. In management of choir and mothers' meeting ... was always doing something for good of parish 07 04 06a [scan]

1907 04 19

Parish Council want pump at Lower end of village for filling water carts. CIP

Annual Parish Council Meeting. CIP

1907 05 24 WS

Boys Brigade - 2nd batt of Ely regiment of church lads brigade visited S under command of Major the Rev S. Stewart Stitt 24 May p5 WS

Friendly societies parade - annual parade on Sunday afternoon 24 May p6 WS

Cricket - Stretham 66, Landbeach 19 24 May p6 WS

1907 05 31 WS

Wesleyan chapel Sunday school anniversary 31 May p8 WS

1907 06 07 WS

Wet May - rainfall at Orchard House was 3.14", were 18 wet days 7 Jun p8 WS

Baptist chapel anniversary 7 Jun p8 WS

1907 06 08

Stretham goods, p4

1907 06 27

Charles Wright Stretham & willow trees – 07 06 27a

1907 07 22

Stretham Shepherds Friendly Society re old age pensions –meeting of Evening Star Lodge initiates E.S. Montagu MP, Rev S.S. Stitt & J. Wesley JP; previous met in licenced premises, now in school 07 07 22 [scan] [NPP]

1907 07 26

Wedding R.T. Wesley at Haddenham. CIP

1907 07 26 WS

Ceremony in connection with Evening Star lodge Ancient shepherds 26 Jul p3 WS

G.P. Sennitt found thrust nest with young birds WS

Telephone connected with post office WS

Wesleyan chapel sermon WS

Parish Council meet WS

Girl Guides entertainment WS

-o-o- 1908 -o-o-

1908

death of Henry Bultitaft, Bedwell Hall [SB41]

1908 branch of Kings Messengers started

1908 01 03 WS

Parish church ; special service New Year's eve, S.S. Stitt gave address 3 Jan p5 WS

Rainfall for 1907 - registered at Orchard House, total 21.20, average for S. 21.13 inches 3 Jan p6 WS

Wedding at Baptist chapel, David Lowe & Annie Pope of S. pastor I Peters of Whittlesey performed 3 Jan p6 WS

Marriage H. Lawrence White of Cheltenham & Mary Grace Parish of Stretham by Still 3 Jan p6 WS

1908 01 10 WS

New Year's gift - clothing tickets to 147 families, amount 1/6 to 12s, each family rec'd ticket for 2 cwt coal 10 Jan p8 WS

New Year's service, Mission Hall, this week services alternately Wesleyan chapel & Mission Hall
10 Jan p8 WS

1908 01 17 WS

Free Church girls guild - social gathering, Mission Hall 17 Jan p5

1908 01 24

A remarkable case occupied the attention of Ely magistrates when an assistant schoolmistress summonsed a Cottenham farmer in respect to the paternity of her child. Last year she'd obtained an order against the brother of the present defendant but now it appeared that she must have been mistaken. The two had met at Stretham feast but witnesses were unable to say which brother they'd seen her with as there was a great likeness between them 08 01 24c

1908 01 24 WS

Liberal meeting - Hon E.S. Montague HP addressed meeting schoolroom, referred to price of bread, coal & discharge of men from Woolwich arsenal 24 Jan p8 WS

1908 03 20

Wesleyan Concert CIP

1908 03 20 WS

Wesleyan chapel 20 Mar p8 WS

1908 04 03

On leaving Stretham P.C. Pearce was presented with a handsome solid oak liqueur stand with three decanters, a cigar cabinet and a cribbage card with board. During his stay he had earned their respect – he was a policeman of the right sort and a good member of the cricket club. Having been stationed there for four years, he was leaving to take up new duties as sergeant at Chatteris. 08 04 03b

1908 05 01 WS

Mission Hall 1 May p5 WS

1908 06 19

Stretham accident Walter Langford, p7

1908 06 19

Walter Langford of the Sun Inn, CIP

1908 06 19 WS

Cricket match Stretham 67, Witcham 19 19 Jun p5 WS

1908 07 10

Charles Hitch dealer cruelty to horse. CIP

1908 07 17 WS

Baptist anniversary pastor R.E. Sears of London preached two sermons to large congregations on 14th 17 Jul p8 WS

1908 07 31 WS

Mission Hall treat - scholars annual tea on 29th 31 Jul p8 WS

1908 08 07 WS

Free Church council - quarterly meeting of Ely & district FCC ... arrangements being made for a demonstration in autumn 7 Aug p8 WS

1908 10 16

Stretham harvest horkey – CWN 08 10 16

1908 10 23 WS

Parish Council 23 Oct p8 WS

Wedding : Reginald William Sherry Bowden to Miss Annie Jacobs at church 23 Oct p8 WS

1908 12 04 WS

Free Trade meeting - well attended - in school room - Geo Oldfield of Free Trade Union gave address 4- Dec p8 WS

1908 12 11 WS

Mission Hall - service of song entitled 'The ministers hymn', Routledge conducted the musical part - readings by John Kisby. Public tea provided 11 Dec p8 WS

1908 12 18 WS

Wesleyan chapel - special services by W. Thompson of Hunstanton - during evening PSA band assisted. On Monday public tea & in evening public meeting held 18 Dec p5 WS

-o-o- 1909 -o-o-

1909 repairs to top of cross which badly cracked; top taken off & sent to Cambridge for repairs by Rattee & Kett, put on again 16 Nov 1909 [SN27 SB33 p3 SB41 Stitt p11]

1909 Charity lease Chequers, now occupation Reuben Jacobs to Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt [SN49]

1909 branch of Territorial Army formed, drill rectory paddock [SB41]

1909 Church Army – Capt Burdell [SB41]

1909 interesting finds in Rectory cupboard including important papers & maps back to 1604 which show 2 churches at Thetford [SB41]

1909 01 08

Pension day in villages – Cottenham, Swaffham Bulbeck, Histon, Over, Stretham, Isleham, Haddenham, Longstanton – 09 01 08

1909 01 15

Coursing .CIP

1909 02 12

Stretham Old Age Pensioners' Tea

On February 3rd a pleasant evening was spent in the school room at Stretham, on the occasion of the first entertainment given to Old Age Pensioners and all parishioners over 70. The tea was a great success, owing to the enthusiastic and united efforts of a strong parochial committee and their wives and sisters who contributed to the pleasure of the Old people, not only by their services, but also in gifts for their entertainment. The committee consisted of the Rector (S. S. Stitt) Rev. A. E. Routledge, Messrs J. Wesley, Chas. Wright, A. G. Wheeler, Brings Savidge, J. H. Savidge, Percy Sennitt, Fred Sennitt, P. Bradshaw and ladies. The oldest guest William Smith, now 84, has never been more than 20 miles from Stretham — said that his late master, Charles Wright, once paid his fare for a trip by train, but couldn't be bothered to wait and so never went. Gramophone concert by A. Sulman. Addresses By S. S. Stitt, W. Hopkins, and Mrs Cropley said a few words on behalf of the pensioners. Parcels of cakes were sent to those too infirm to attend Ely Gazette 12 Feb. 1909 [SN142]

Small holders Meeting; 22 applied; nothing had been done for twelve months. CIP

1909 02 19

A well to be opened. CIP

1909 03 05

The funeral of the Rev R.M. Williams took place in Lt Thetford churchyard and in the evening a muffled peal was rung on the Stretham church bells. He had been curate there during the time of his terrible tragedy: in September 1896 he had cycled with his wife from Stretham to Cambridge, it being the first anniversary of their wedding. They had just crossed Victoria Bridge when she collided with a butcher's cart and was instantly killed. CWN 09 03 05

1909 04 02 WS

Territorial recruits - four recruits & an 'old hand' were secured on 30th March at a drill of the territorial recruits 2nd Apr p8 WS

Parish Council annual parish meeting 2 Apr p8 WS

1909 04 06

Territorial Force- 9 men enlist. To be trained once a week in the village. CIP

Wesleyan pleasant evening. CIP

1909 04 16 WS

Wedding - John Lowe & Miss Ruby Ryder 16 Apr p8 WS

Mission Hall entertainment on Easter Monday by Free church girls guide 16 Apr p8 WS

Wesleyan chapel - last of pleasant evenings - H.T. Wesley presided 16 Apr p8 WS

Church - Easter Sunday Stitt preached, in evening Cockshott preached 16 Apr p8 WS

Lawn tennis club social evening very pleasant, Miss Watson & Mr Granfield scoring highest 16 Apr p8

1909 05 03

A terrible case came before magistrates when a man was charged with sleeping in a chaff-house at Stretham and being without visible means of subsistence. He was carried into court in a frightfully emaciated condition, being mere skin and bones. His arms and legs were no thicker than those of a child, his clothes hung about him in folds and he presented a ghastly picture. He is an Army pensioner who had spent all his money before crawling into the chaff house where he was found by police. He was taken to the workhouse CWN 09 05 03

1909 05 21

Friendly soc Parade. CIP

1909 05 28 WS

Beneficial rain - 23rd May 0.72", 24th May 0.42", total 1.12 - at Orchard House 28 May p5 WS

1909 06 18 WS

Sale - W.J. Rogers sold a house & garden on Ely Road, purchaser was J. Parnwell of Ilford at £225 G.A. Wootten was solicitor 18 Jun p8 WS

1909 06 25

Victor Wright poulterer ill treated horse. CIP

1909 07 02 WS

Wet June - rainfall for 2 days was 166 tons per acre 2 Jul p8 WS

1909 07 16 WS

Horse & foal show & sports with tandems & pairs Olympia & royal champions 16 Jul p5 WS

1909 08 06

Restoration of the cross, a board to be printed and a list in Mr Pitch's shop. CAS report. Cost £30. CIP

1909 10 29 WS

Parish Council meeting about fen allotments & grave stones 29 Oct p8 WS

1909 11 12

Lecture on Cam by Mr Cunningham. CIP

Stretham Harvest Home, Bailey & Tebbutt – CWN 09 11 12

-o-o- 1910 -o-o-

1910 feast banner carried for first time

1910 steeple repairs; steeplejack went to top, brought down and repaired weather cock; wanted parish to spend money on steeple repairs; Isaac Asplin climbed spire and said work not needed [Stitt p9]

1910 03 18 WS

Parish meeting - elections for council 18 Mar p8

Mission Hall - successful entertainment by Sunday school scholars 18 Mar p8

1910 03 25

Wesley Co Advert. CIP

1910 07 15

Wesley Works detailed article re skewers. CIP – 10 07 15 [scan]

Horace Dimmock senior house surgeon at Addenbrookes 1907-08 has returned from ships surgeon in Indian Ocean. CIP

1910 08 05 WS

Success : Miss Bertha Sennitt awarded bursary of £30 a year; she has gained first class honours in the Cambridge examinations in religious knowledge, botany & history 5 Aug p8

Mission hall Sunday school annual treat 5 Aug p8 WS

Weddings at church - Arthur G. Jugg, son late W. Jugg of Witchford & Miss Annie M. Wright, youngest daughter of G. Wright

1910 09 02 WS

Visitors - past month nearly 100 boys & girls have stayed in Stretham & Thetford in conjunction with children's country holidays fund - details 2 Sep p8 WS

1910 09 16

Thetford object to vote for Stretham Rector Stitt – 10 09 16d

1910 09 16

Revision Court, includes Mr Sennitt and Rev Stitt CIP

1910 10 07 WS

Harvest service - schools were re-opened after harvest holidays; on 4th a public meeting held 7 Oct p8 WS

1910 12 09

Mr Montagu MP Stretham speech. CIP

1910 12 23

death of J. Blinch Dimock of Manor Farm, 68; large employer of labour and honest, upright man of business whose word was his bond; an old-fashioned John Bull, a farmer of type which is

vanishing' comes from old yeoman stock ... family amongst petition to Court of Exchequer 1608 against Miles Sandys; little doubt that the honorary Champion of England at the Coronation of our kings, a Dymocke, is the head of the family. Was baptised by Rev H.H. Baker, rector on 18 March 1842. His father, Edward Dimock died when he 26 years old and he married Jane Langford, daughter of Richard, an old churchwarden, who has been his loyal and devoted wife. At age 25 accepted office of Rector's warden which held for 40 years. Showed great interest in church matters in simple but practical manner. Was generosity itself personified ... very much missed. Was Waterbeach Level Commissioner, Guardian, Parish councillor since inception, Charity Trustee, school manager. Leaves widow & sons John of The Grange & Dr Horace & one daughter – WS 23 Dec [SN142]

-o-o- 1911 -o-o-

- 1911 parish safe purchased – details [SB33p18 SN133]
- 1911 street lights sites proposed (go electric 1946) [SN133]
- 1912 floods – details rainfall [SB33p22 SN142]

1911 04 14 WS

Good Friday - church morning & evening services held at Wesleyan chapel, rector officiating 14

Apr p8 WS

Easter Monday - Mission hall arranged entertainment with girls guild 14 Apr p8 WS

1911 04 25

Destructive fire at Stretham

Damage estimated at £2,000 was done at a fire, which broke out on the farm owned by Mr. T. Jacobs, Stretham, near Ely on Saturday [22.4.11.]. Shortly after 12 o'clock, the servant who was left in charge of the house during the absence of Mr. And Mrs. Jacobs, at Cambridge, looked across the yard and saw smoke issuing from the first barn.

Playing in the orchard just beyond the yard were the two children, Connie and Irene, they being in the charge of a nursemaid named Elsie Meers.

Fearing for their safety the servant raised the alarm, she informing everyone that she met with what she had seen. Willing helpers quickly arrived on the scene. The children were conveyed to a place of safety, and endeavours to control the fire were made.

The promptitude of the village crier, Mr. John Sennitt, brought the villagers quickly to the farm.

Noticing the smoking barn from his garden he at once concluded something was wrong, and seizing his bell he rushed into the street shouting "Fire", "Fire"

By the time operations were commenced two barns standing on the southern side of the yard were burning furiously. A strong south-westerly wind helped in spreading the flame with remarkable rapidity, and it soon became apparent that the whole farm was doomed.

In the shed s were as many as 30 cows, a couple of horses and some pigs, and soon the terrified animal a were encircled by the flames. Being tied or chained up they could not free themselves, and the great majority were roasted alive. It was pitiful to hear the moanings of the poor beasts and the clanking of the chains, and as the fire became more intense the noise from this quarter lessened, telling only too well the terrible fate that had befallen them.

It was half-passed one when the Ely fire brigade received a call and at a quarter past two they were on the scene. From a spring pond some 300 yards distant they obtained a good supply of water, and they did valuable service in preventing the fire from spreading. The origin of the fire is unknown, Cambridge Chronicle 25 April 1911

1911 04 28

One of the most disastrous fire in this district for many years occurred at the farm of Mr T. Jacobs of Stretham, near Ely, on Saturday, when some thirty head of cattle were roasted alive, and a number of barns, ricks, sheds, implements and vehicles destroyed. The unfortunate animals were in

readiness to drift to St Ives market and were not, we understand, insured. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs were in Cambridge on Saturday and were informed of the disaster by telegram. Every effort was given by the villagers in an effort to quell the flames and the Ely fire brigade responded to a call with considerable promptitude. The origin of the fire is unknown and the damage roughly estimated at about £2,000.

The fire was first discovered shortly after 12 o'clock, but how long it had been smouldering before can only be conjectured. Several persons noticed it about the same time. The Servant who was left in charge of the house during the absence of Mr & Mrs Jacobs at Cambridge happened to look across the yard from one of the windows when she saw smoke issuing from the barn. Greatly alarmed she ran and acquainted everyone that she met with what she had seen. Her own first thought was for the safety of the two children - Connie and Rene- who with a little nurse called Elsie Meers were playing in the orchard, situated just beyond the yard. The children were at first conveyed safely to Mrs. Sadler's, and afterwards to Mr. Jonathan Jacob's on the Wilburton Road.

Mr John Sennitt the village crier saw the smoking barn from his garden and seized his bell and ran into the street shouting "Fire", "Fire". The villagers, startled at the alarm left their dinners and ran with all haste in the direction of the outburst. The entire village was aroused.

A number of employees from John Westley's works, The Baptist minister (Mr. A.H. Routledge, Mr. J.G. Driver, Mr Finch, and others too numerous to mention offered what assistance they could. A young man known as Tom Utteridge was one of the first - if not the first - to get to the spot. He did not stop to open Mr. Jacob's gates but climbed over them.

By this time the two barns standing on the southern side of the yard were burning furiously, and the flames fanned by a strong south-westerly wind rapidly spread to other buildings in the yard. It was obvious from the very first that practically everything was doomed. There were roughly speaking about Thirty cows in the sheds, in addition to two horses most of them being tied up. The terrified and struggling animals were encircled by the flames, and in the majority of cases could not be reached. A sow and pig and two or three cows - one of them badly scorched - were saved but the remainder were roasted alive. The moaning of the cattle and the clanking of their chains lessened as the fire became more intense, till the noise ceased altogether.

Young Utteridge who could see that little or nothing could be saved in the yard directed his attention to the granary, the front portion of which was being scorched by the flames. With a piece of oak he made a hole in the roof of the granary and a fellow worker handed to him pails of water, which he threw into the interior, keeping it wet while others were engaged on the blistering exterior. By this time the yard with its buildings, cattle, ricks and implements was all ablaze and the sparks, blown towards the north, fell like fireworks near Mr Hopkin's premises, and ultimately some flaming bits of hay, coming in contact with the roof of his barn, set it on fire. This had to some extent been expected and immediately a ladder was placed against the building, men named Bent and George Driver ascended with pails of water and extinguished the fire which otherwise would most certainly have involved a number of domestic buildings, in addition to the Baptist Chapel.

The Ely fire brigade received a call about half past one, having evidently been sent for with the object of preventing the destruction of the domestic buildings, situated on the west side of the yard, as all the erections in the yard, together with almost all the stock, had already been utterly destroyed. Horses were promptly supplied from the Bell Yard and at a quarter past two Captain Archer, Foreman Morgan and five firemen had arrived at their destination. They found on their arrival that the stock yard consisted of a red-hot mass of debris. The corpses of animals burnt beyond recognition lay just where they had fallen, presenting a gruesome spectacle. Some were consumed entirely, others partially. The scene as viewed from Mr. G.P. Sennitt's orchard, near where the cattle shed stood was one not soon to be forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs Jacob's favourite pony also fell a victim to the fire, and the charred remains were buried beneath the heated debris, which also contained, besides the burnt-up bodies of animals traces of a bicycle, mango pulper, pig float, spring cart, chaff cutter, etc

The work devolving upon the fire brigade consisted chiefly in keeping under and extinguishing the flaming debris. A spring pond at some 300 yards distance provided a good supply of water. The operations were watched with interest by many villagers, whose pails of water when the flames were fiercest had been the means of saving the domestic buildings but whose services were now no longer needed.

Thomas Utteridge interviewed by our representative, spoke of the seriousness of the fire. He worked for Mr J.G. Driver and was coming from his employers about a quarter past twelve when he saw smoke issuing from one of the farm buildings. It was so dense that one could not see Mr. Sennitt's orchard. He ran into the yard and found all the buildings were on fire and that nothing could be done to save them. On the arrival of Harry Everitt and Albert Day, he placed a ladder against the granary which was threatened by the fire and climbed on to the roof. Here he made a large hole through which he poured pails of water which were handed up to him by a man name Cornwall. Others assisted in throwing water on the side of the granary facing the yard. This timely work, there is no doubt saved the building. At one time a portion of the woodwork did actually catch fire, but it was promptly extinguished. The slates on the roof, added Mr. Utteridge were very hot.

According to a statement by the Revd A.R. Routledge, the fire spread so rapidly that the roofs of the buildings collapsed within about 15 minutes from the time of the first alarm. Mr. Routledge, who was early on the scene tried in vain to rescue Mr. Jacob's favourite pony. The pony ran into the space dividing the two barns, and just at this moment the fire burst through and the animal, rushing into it, fell down and perished. Mr. and Mrs Jacobs being at Cambridge, and none of the employees being in the yard when the fire broke out, some of those who had come to render what assistance they could were at somewhat of a loss to know the whereabouts of all the stock.

Mr. George Driver, a cattle dealer himself, had however a fair idea and he managed with some difficulty to save some cattle, including the sow and pigs. Mr. Routledge and others pulled down the fences on the eastern side to prevent the fire spreading in that direction. As it was the wind carried sparks for a considerable distance, and had it not been for the alertness of those in the vicinity of the farm premises, the ricks therein situated must have been fired, as the loose straw laying about the yard became ignited but it was promptly stamped out. Mr. Sennitt's orchards on the north side suffered by the fire and in the evening, when it was thought that it was all over, a tree was noticed to be burning

Further particulars go to show that the yard was stocked on Friday in readiness for St Ives market on the following Monday and had the fire occurred at any other day it is probable that the loss would not have been so heavy. Mr & Mrs Jacobs, on being telegraphed for, returned to Stretham by taxi-cab, arriving about two o'clock. Their anxiety was relieved by the fact ... [Ch 28.4.1911 SN142]

1911 05 19

Stretham Sennitt family dispute – follows will of William Sennitt died 1892 - 1911 05 19f [scan]

1911 08 18 WS

Effects of the drought - details 18 Aug p8 WS

1911 11 03

Fire destroyed two cottages in Pope's Lane, Little Thetford. One, consisting of two rooms with no upstairs, was occupied by a man named Moden who succeeded in saving all his goods and chattels. The other comprising two rooms down and two up was tenanted by Richard Driver who was not at home and some of the furniture was consumed. Luckily there was no wind or some old buildings on

the other side of the narrow village lane must have been involved. The blaze could be seen from Stretham Railway Station. 11 11 03a

-o-o- 1912 -o-o-

1912 01 19

Immense excitement was caused in Glisson Road when a bullock belonging to Charles Wright of Stretham became excited while being driven to the Cattle Market. It took an aversion to Mr J.S. Palmer, attacking him from the rear. He grasped both horns but was lifted off the ground before slipping out of the way. The animal then dashed into the hall of the Warwick Hotel where Miss Baker closed the inner door just in time. The bullock butted it, then sat down on the mat. Mr Atkins, the butcher, sent two men with a rope and the animal was finally restrained 12 01 19a

1912 02 23

The funeral of Canon John William Cockshott was held at Burwell. After leaving Cambridge University he'd hoped never to return to the fens but was called to the curacy of Soham. From there he went to Burwell where he established the Mission Church. He built a school at Reach, which has since been consecrated, and also restored the church at Landwade. In 1885 he was appointed vicar of Stretham where he remained until 1906 when he felt unable to fulfil his duties to his satisfaction. On his retirement he went to live at Shelford where he did active pastoral work. 12 02 23a [scan]

1912 06 07

When retiring Stationmaster, George Kimm, first came to Cambridge the Superintendent's office was on the old island platform that stood opposite the present platform before it was lengthened. There was a bridge by which passengers reached it but all luggage was transferred by means of a trolley and then shouldered by porters to a cab or van for conveyance to its destination. This caused very great delay, especially at the beginning or end of term, and it was largely for the convenience of the University that the present long single platform was made. It was opened in October 1863. He has seen the opening of the Haverhill and Sudbury line amongst others, welcomed Royalty. Stretham fen accident described: the balance-weight of the engine of an express train fell off just as a down express was approaching, and, the weight rolling on to the line, threw the down train into the dyke. A number of people were injured. Litigation followed and the company were found liable 12 06 07k

1912 07 05

Stretham suicide, p5

1912 08 30

Floods in the Ely district. The whole of Grunty Fen looks like a sea ... water nearly to the tops of the hedge-rows ... the "Tiger" did not escape the effects of the deluge... the byway from Witchford to Wilburton was badly flooded. The rainfall registered at Stretham on Monday [26.8.1912] was 256 tons per acre. It was a day long to be remembered, there being a regular downpour of rain from morning to night. The lower portion of the village was flooded, extending from the Cambridge road, along past the Mission Hall, the Pond Road, to the Hay Fen allotments. Several houses were flooded, the water pouring through the lower rooms for hours and. necessitating the removal of the furniture etc. upstairs. The water in the Old West River extends from bank to bank. The oldest inhabitant cannot even remember so much water being in the river in the month of August as at the present time. In some of the fields the shocks of corn are surrounded by water. The rainfall for August up to the 25th is a record —

[Following paragraphs emphasise the extent of the flooding] CIP 30th August, 1912

1912 08 30

Stretham Hotspurs annual meeting – [scan]

1912 09 06

Stretham rainfall. The total rainfall registered for August was 811 tons per acre. There is no record in Stretham of such a heavy rainfall as this for any one month previously. The total for the year is 23.56" the average is 21.13". C. 1. P. 6 Sept. 1912

1912 10 18

Chequers Inn host horkey supper, Bailey & Tebbutt; assembled in Reuben Jacob's barn [scan]

-o-o- 1913 -o-o-

1913 funeral Dr Horace Dimock - riots at Wisbech [SN142]

1913 amount of annual value houses [SB33p31]

1913 Charity Commissioners heckled re new scheme, Mar 7 [SN142]

1913 used to have church council but little business so discontinued [SN117]

1913 01 03

Stretham flood water over washes; football club social, Sunday School tea, New Year bells, Rainfall figures

1913 01 10

Wilburton Hudsons, general smiths, entertain employees of Haddenham, Wilburton & Stretham to supper

1913 01 24

Dr Dimmock recommended to Wisbech. CIP

1913 01 31

Stretham parish council – inhabitant had been wanting a house for 18 months

1913 02 14

Charity Distribution. CIP

1913 02 28

Ely RD housing, Stretham. In 1901 population 1000 houses 251. 1911 pop 961, houses 250. Housing accommodation had increased 11 new houses had been built. CIP*

Stretham Wesleyan presentation Ethel Richardson, Mission Hall entertainment

1913 03 07

Wesley Engineering Works Stretham *

1913 03 07

Proposals to change Stretham charities met strong opposition. At present money is distributed to poor widows twice a year with the remainder spent on clothing and coal. But the Charity Commissioners proposed payment to infirmaries and hospitals, provision of midwives or maintenance of a reading room. The Rev Jabez Parnell said they should not come to the village and interfere, it was scandalous. Once the Commissioners got their hands on the money it would be gone from parish control for ever. He did not believe in humbugging nonsense. He received an ovation from the crowd in the street outside. 13 03 07 p11 CIP, ES [cutt]

1913 03 24

A fierce fire occurred at North Fen Farm, Waterbeach, deep in the fen. The alarm was given by members of the Stretham Fen platelayers' gang who carried bucket after bucket of water from the wide drains. The battle seemed hopeless. The tar on the nearest side of the shed was melted and streamed down the sides. It was burnt out with its contents, including a self-binder, grass mower,

horse hoe and three bags of artificial manure. Waterbeach fire brigade got within a mile of the scene but were told the fire had been extinguished and turned back. 13 03 24 p5 CIP

1913 03 28

Stretham Mission Hall entertainment, girls guild
Harry Mears used indecent language. CIP

1913 04 04

Stretham Bible Society, Parish Meeting, Cricket Club
Henry Acred did not report parasitic mange. CIP

1913 04 18

Stretham Mission Hall, death Edwin Driver in USA, Parish council

1913 04 23

Stretham cricket

1913 04 25

Ely RDC – Stretham sewer, houses Stretham & Lt Downham- 11 new houses, people wanted houses

1913 05 09

Wesley, Stretham advert, second-hand cars

1913 05 23

Stretham cricket
B Parish applied for Agri scholarship but no money available. CIP

1913 05 30

Bradshaw Bros Stretham, bakers, summoned for employing Charles Russell, 15 [scan]
Thomas Jacob's horse killed, Stretham
Stretham Friendly Society parade

1913 06 13

Wesley, Stretham advertisement, farm implements
Wesleyan Anniv. CIP

1913 06 20

Baptist Anniv. CIP

1913 07 04

Mission Hall Service. CIP

1913 07 25

wedding Ernest Porter of Ely & Agneta Sennitt [scan]

1913 08 15

J Murfitt applied for a new cottage in the Main Street. CIP

1913 09 12

Wesley Stretham advert

1913 10 03

Stretham harvest festival

1913 10 10

Concert and Wesleyan Harvest Thanks. CIP

1913 10 10

There was until recently in Wilburton a large increase in the number of rats on the premises of Major Hudson, dealer and farmer. They ate the food that was given to pigs and other animals so it was found imperative to destroy them. John Sadler, rat catcher of Stretham was engaged with dogs and ferrets. The number killed was 104 13 10 10 p11 CIP

1913 10 31

An inquest was held into the death of Dr Horace Dimock who had been sent to Wisbech after several local doctors refused to serve under the Insurance Act. He had been very popular with his patients but ostracised by other doctors who brought allegations against him. He'd returned to his father's home at Stretham where he was found dead in bed. Great excitement was caused at Wisbech following a demonstration of sympathy. The large crowd became unmanageable and police were telephoned for from King's Lynn. The Mayor was brought from his residence and read the Riot Act amid tumultuous scenes. 13 10 31 p9 CIP

1913 11 07

Wesley Stretham advertisement

It was expected that the funeral of the late Dr Horace Dimock would be largely attended but the villagers at Stretham were scarcely prepared for the crowds that trooped into their midst. Many came from Wisbech where Doctor Dimock had served his patients faithfully. The proceedings were orderly and police, of whom two were in plain clothes, had an easy task. But in Wisbech there was further rioting in front of the houses of the doctors blamed for his death 13 11 07 p9 CIP

1913 11 07

Stretham wedding Elsie Hazel to Arthur Hammond;

Charles Spicer was working alone at the windmill, Ely Road, Stretham; his wife took his tea up to him but as he had not returned home by nine, she went with her young son in search of him. The mill was all in darkness but was still grinding corn. Mr Mason, the owner of the mill came with a light and eventually Mr Spicer was discovered dead. Excepting a short interval he had worked in the same mill for about 40 years. No inquest was deemed necessary 13 11 07 p11

1913 11 07

Pictures of the funeral and riots – CT [cutt]

Dr Dimock's successor

1913 11 14

Dr Dimmock inquest adjourned. CIP

1913 11 21

Isle of Ely County Council – smallholdings report including Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Police cottage at Wilburton

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1913 12 04

Horace Dimock inquest – report from Manchester Guardian [scan]

1913 12 05

Inquest Dr Dimock – CIP [scan]

1913 12 05

A report on payment for rats destroyed showed about 6,000 rats had been killed in Stretham, Haddenham, and Little Downham, but nearly ten-times that number in Littleport – as usual. It was unfair that other parishes should have to pay for Littleport rats. But they were the only parish to do its duty thoroughly. Mr G. Darby said the rats came to his mill and did a lot of damage. But Mr A. Darby said ratepayers were paying for the tails more than once. His brother who kept a mill at Pymore would not pay a penny for rat killing as long as the Council did it for him 13 12 05

1913 12 05

Mr Murfitt plan Stretham referred

1913 12 12

Mission Hall entertainment. CIP

Political Meeting. CIP

1913 12 26 WS

Weddings - church - Henry Ruston of Chatteris & Miss Millicent Irene Wesley of Stretham 26 Dec p8 WS

1914-18 WAR

see SN142, SB41

identity cards [SN60]

chronology [SN81]

biographical notes [SN83]

Ely RDM extracts – see SB41

Ely Standard stories – with newspaper indexes, non-war stories listed here

Ely Rural Deanery Magazines extracts SN233

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1914 military road started [SN81], pontoon bridge 1915, strip land sold Manor 1916 [SN155]

1914 R.T. Wesley appointed parish council clerk in succession to Sennitt, Oct. [SN133]

1914 01 14

housing enquiry – only 2 apply for cottages ES 30.1.1914

1914 01 23

Percy Bradshaw baker witnesses accident. CIP

1914 01 27

sequel to Dr Horace Dimock's sad death – report from New Zealand paper, Otautau Standard [scan]

1914 01 30

Dr Dimock, formerly of the Manor House, Stretham, leaves property valued at £3,519 (about £340,000 today) – 14 01 30

1914 02 27

Malt & Hops licensing, ES 27.2.1914

1914 03 20

Mr. G. P. Sennitt.—The sad news of the death of Mr, George Perry Sennitt, which was announced to neighbours and friends over a wide area during the weekend, has been received with the deepest regret. It is about eight weeks since Mr. Sennitt's health necessitated confinement to his room, and since then his constitution has gradually yielded. Death ensued at 2.30 a.m. on Saturday, and it cast a gloom over the village of Stretham, with which the deceased gentleman has had a life-long association. As farmer and friend the villagers had learned to love and revere George Sennitt, and the loss to the village, occasioned by his death, will be keenly felt. He was a recognised authority on poultry, butter and eggs, and for many years officiated as judge in this section of the county shows. He was a regular worshipper at the little Baptist Chapel of the village. He inherited the strict Nonconformist principles of his family. CIP From Our Old Files 20 Mar 1914 [SN3] [scan][cut] 14 03 20h

1914 04 24

Parish Council, Mission Hall and presentation to Cpt Hobbs of Church Army. CIP

1914 05 08

Thomas Fletcher drunk. CIP

Mission Hall

Aldreth Book Club. CIP

1914 05 15

John Chapman cruel to horse. CIP

Rev Stitt appointed school manager. CIP

Funeral wife of Henry Acred. CIP

1914 05 29

Liberal Meeting

Feast Parade CIP

Funeral of Mrs Fred Leach born in Stretham. CIP

1914 06 05

Stretham accident p11

Formerly lived at Stretham where defendant farmed some land and kept the Railway Tavern.

Plaintiff was a lad and worked for him. Lad thrown under a reaping machine and one arm cut off, the other seriously injured. Award was made but payment stopped. The farmer was well-to-do. Said he grew a goodish-many thistles on the land; he had nothing to live on but old age pension [scan]

1914 06 12

Women Health Lecture CIP

Baptist Chapel Anniv CIP

Death of Sarah Wesley widow of Joseph. CIP

1914 07 10

Wesley Anniv, CIP

1914 07 17

sale land G.P. Sennitt 14 07 17 p1

Mission Hall – 14 07 17 p11

1914 08 14

due to war united service on Recreation Ground, over 400 present; "Stretham has contributed its quota to the number called up"; they stand united, sinking all sectarian differences; Stitt, Routledge, Acred take part ES 1914 Aug 14 p3

1914 08 28

William Wolf, 20 , engine driver of Stretham summoned for allowing engine to stand on bridge at Linton; was employed by Wesley – 14 08 28 CIP [scan]

1914 09 ERDM

Several reservists have left us, some for front, some for Home Defence; old soldiers of National Reserve impatiently awaiting call to arms

Duty to persuade all available young men to stand up for king and country ...

Aug 9th was most impressive Intercession service on cricket field
ladies committee gets up working party for Red Cross Society

1914 09 25

Stretham mission hall harvest thanksgiving

1914 10 02

proposed to construct a new Military Road from Dimock's cote to Stretham & improve section to Wicken; would be 16ft 10in wide, Road Board paying 75% of cost; road started ES 1914 Oct 2 p8, Oct 9 p5;

Military road, Stretham - & p6

1914 10 09

new Military Road proposed, from Dimmock's Cote to Stretham - a road 16' 10" wide along existing driveway to be paid for by the Road Board, start made, large number of men employed but hit snags over railway crossing and bridges over Cam & Old West cause delays and arguments between South Level Commissioners & Isle of Ely County Council, by May 1915 road built but not the bridges (ES 9.10.14)

1914 10 09

Stretham harvest festival

Military road from Stretham to Newmarket proposed but road Witchford - Haddenham & Sutton – Earith Bridge not needed

Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton though Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham.

1914 10 09

Wesley engineers, Grove Works farm implements – advertisement [scan]

1914 10 16

William Henry Sennitt. Clerk Parish council, assistant overseer and collector of rates and taxes; also owned a brewery having succeeded on death of his father. Suicide in Hundred Foot River. Witness Percival Bradshaw, baker said he was depressed; ES 1914 Oct 16 p3 CIP 1914 10 16 & d– scan Stretham suicide Sennitt [cutt]

1914 10 16

Messrs Wesley Grove Works offer all kinds of farm implements ... repairs ... several second-hand cars for sale cheap – 14 10 16a CIP

Horkey Supper catered by Reuben Jacobs of Chequers Inn through kindness Bailey & Tebbutt of Panton Brewery. Owing to the trouble of Sennitt's family (who live opposite the barn) adjourned to Chequers. Entertainers sang songs and humorous items – 14 10 16c CIP [scan] [cutt]

Reservists include T. Fletcher, Stretham

1914 10 23

National Reservists called up - T. Fletcher (47) Suffolk Regt (ES 23.10.14)

1914 11 06

delays due to difficulties over railway crossing & spans over rivers ES 1914 Nov 6 p5

Stretham letter 14 11 06 ES

1914 11 09

Percy Routledge, Swan & Melcalfe brothers training as signallers with Suffolk Regt at Colchester -

"It is a fine life ... no regrets that answered country's call, sorry than no more than 5 have joined Kitchener's army (ES 8.11.14)

1914 11 20

work stops as haggling over bridges etc ES 1914 Nov 20 p5

1914 12 04

2 Stretham men enlist; Archie Sennitt, son of F.O. Sennitt having enlisted in Canadian forces and been training on Salisbury Plain spends Christmas with parents ES 4.12.14)

the proposed Military Road bridge across Ca, should cross at right angles, otherwise it might hold up the water. But that might cause the abandonment of the whole scheme. There was also the question of the level crossing – 14 12 04 CIP

1914 12 11

2 Stretham men enlist ES 1914 Dec 11 p8

-o-o- 1915 -o-o-

1915c garden fetes started during war [SN69]

1915 rectory old wine cellar displaced & ancient windows topped with solid oak revealed [Stitt p12]

1915 01 01

Flooding, water over Cambridge Road near bridge. CIP

1915 01 08

Rev Stitt writes about German atrocities ES 1915 Jan 8 p8

New Year gifts Ch p3

Rainfall p3

St Georges slate club annual meeting p3

1915 01 22

recruits - John Badcock & Sidney Canham join Suffolks, (ES 22.01.15)

parish council re telephones p3

1915 01 29

P.J. Winter (ES 29.1.15)

Drain between Cambridge Road corner in very bad condition. Had been patched from time to time. A new drain should be laid. The drain from the Pump in Pump Lane to the sewer at the bottom of Ellwood's garden out of repair. CIP

1915 01 29

Sidney Canham Wilburton Road enlists, CIP

1915 02 12

early blossom p3

1915 02 19

Royal Standard licensing ES 19.2.1915

1915 02 26

death of wife of Edward Lowe, carrier; one of sons on active service in navy & could not get leave
(ES 26.2.15) CIP [scan]

1915 03 05

good attendance – money Ch p3
Mission Hall entertainment

1915 03 15

Pte Sindall, son of the butcher, Suffolks, reported missing - heard that PoW in Germany; in army 19 years, most in India; Pte Frohock & Sadler have been PoWs for some weeks
(ES 26.3.15)

1915 03 23 ES

Stretham privates in Germany

1915 03 26

parish council accept tender of Mr Feast for sewerage work. CIP, Ch p3
Private Frohock and Sadler are prisoners of war as is Private Sindall son of the butcher. CIP

1915 04 02

Wesley's engines pumping Norfolk flood waters; drains broken in several places ES 1915 Apr 16
p8, 23 p5
Retirement of Wm Perry formerly station master. CIP

1915 04 09

Mission Hall Entertainment. CIP

1915 04 23

Stretham drains in very bad state; pipes broken or so full of silt that they could not be caned
Stretham parish council sign agreement telephone service further seven years, CIP p3

1915 04 09

Mission Hall entertainment, p3 Ch

1915 04 16

War Committee send presents to troops, money to PoWs (ES 16.4.15)

1915 04 23

23rd recruiting party to visit ES 1915 Apr 23 p8
parish council p3 ch

1915 04 30

Ely RDC Medical officer report; details of houses; three new houses built at Stretham; Stretham
ditches cleaned out and the 'Zumps' have also been cleaned; only 14 milk purveyors CIP p3

1915 04 30

Private William Sennitt memorial service, Swaffham Fen Upware – 15 04 30 CIP [scan]

1915 05 ERDM

Abel Clark died of wounds in France & Edward Lythell killed in cab accident - first losses by death
to Stretham soldiers

1915 05 07

Hussar's death after accident – Pte E.M. Lythell [scan] [cutt]

Recruits: Harold Crowe, Hugh Crowe and Benjamin Bullman. CIP

1915 05 14

Pte Edward LYTHELL died of lockjaw following taxi accident in Birmingham whilst home on leave; had been called up in August home on leave from front at time [is not on war memorial] ES 1915 May 14 p8

1915 05 21

Military road built, no bridges ES 1915 May 21 p5

1915 05 28

Hospital Parade as usual ES 1915 May 28 p8

Baptist chapel anniversary CIP p2

Mission Hall p3

Annual parade friendly society p3

Ely rural tribunal: Coveney, Haddenham, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham – George Lythell refused, also Wm Henry Fiffard, wheelwright employed Rayner, Wentworth, Witchford CIP p3
Stretham – Pte J.W. Stubbins, Canadian Mounted Rifles wounded in eye by splinter from rifle grenade – details CIP p8

1915 06 18

Baptist anniversary tea & games CIP p3

1915 06 25

Pte Archie SENNITT, Canadian Expeditionary Force shot in head & killed whilst supporting an attack, near Ypres; casts gloom over peaceful parish, had been in village December, went back to France in April and had written letter about village feast; had emigrated to Canada 4 years ago; loss keenly felt in village ES 1915 Jun 25 p8 also CIP 15 06 21 & 15 07 02 [scan] [cutt]
James Baxter wounded 15 07 02 [scan]

1915 07 02

recruiting party arrive - 70 strong, accompanied by Brass Band which recently formed; officers lunched with Rector then marched to cricket green where band played & speeches given ES 1915 Jul 2 p8 [scan] [cutt]

Serj Walter MURFITT recommended for gallant service - fetched back wounded men at Neuve Chapelle after Germans attacked in waves; "have seen some terrible sights here; Germans reverse ammunition & are great cowards & cry when captured; he well known locally for his skill as footballer ES 1915 Jul 2 p8

Pte Richard BAXTER wounded in head, is recovering at Fulham military hospital ES 1915 Jul 2 p8

Pte Archie Sennitt killed ... letter to his mother CIP 2 Jul 1915 [cutt]

1915 07 09

scout troop progresses favourably, though patrol leaders often absent; hope to form cyclist patrol; work on harvest fields until late at night ES 1915 Jul 9 p8

Baptist anniversary CIP p3

Wesleyan anniversary p3

Philip Winter missing. CIP

Death of Joseph Henry Wright of Fen Ditton, born Stretham; funeral 16th July. CIP

1915 07 16

Pte P.J. WINTER "missing"; last heard May 2nd; hope he in enemy hands ES 1915 Jul 16 p5

Mission Hall anniversary CIUP p3

1915 07 23

48 Stretham men now serving - 9.5% population ES 1915 Jul 23 p7

1915 07 30

Mission Hall treat CIP p3

1915 07 30

Archibald Frederick Sennitt kia, letters of sympathy – 15 07 30 CIP [scan], ES

1915 08 13

Stephen Searle horse strayed. CIP

1915 09 17

East Anglian Royal Engineers billeted here last few weeks; working on Military Road, dredging that part where pontoon bridge will be placed; farewell concert in Boys school ES 1915 Sep 17 p8, Oct 1 p8

Whist drive for Royal Engineers CIP p3

15 09 17

Stretham whist drive to show appreciation detachment of East Anglian Royal Engineers billeted in parish for last few weeks, several came over from Wicken CIP

1915 09 24

Wesleyan harvest thanks CIP p3

1915 10 01

Mission Hall harvest thanks CIP p3

Military social p3

1915 10 08

Fred Victor YARROW & James GENT added to roll of honour; have joined Rifle Brigade ES

1915 10 08 p8

Jim BAXTER was wounded; returns trenches after stay in Stretham ES 1915 Oct 8 p8

Church harvest thanksgiving CIP p3

Baptist harvest thanksgiving p3

Pontoon Bridge on Old West erected.CIP

Foundations at Cam started. CIP

1915 10 15

L/Serg Walter MURFITT killed in action by shell fire & buried by comrades behind firing line; mentioned during church service; had seen 3 years service in India ES 1915 Oct 15 p8

Stretham: Lance-Serg Walter Murfitt kia, son Joseph; been in India before war; came home in August; recommended for gallant service 15 10 15 p6 CIP scan

1915 10 22

Parish council CIP p3

Edward John Taylor enlists. CIP

1915 10 29

Wedding Thomas Swan Stretham & Kate Ferry at Weymouth 15 10 29 p3 CIP

1915 11 05

memorial service for Stretham & Lt Thetford soldiers; Stitt address, Dead March played by A.G. Wheeler on organ; large congregation; dead : Abel CLARK, Walter MURFITT, Archie SENNITT: missing : John WINTER ES 1915 Nov 5 p8

Stretham : memorial service for soldiers who have fallen in war – Abel Clark, Walter Murfitt, Archie Sennitt, A. Dewsbury, J. Lowe, T.W. Mason; John Winters ‘missing’ since May 8th
1915 11 05 p3 CIP

1915 11 12

Serg John AYRES wounded & in hospital, England ES 1915 Nov 12 p8
2nd Lieut R.M. WHEELER promoted temporary Lieutenant, Middlesex Regiment ES 1915 Nov 12 p8

1915 12 10

Mission Hall entertainment CUP p3
Stretham – gets Gallipoli letter ES p8

1915 12 31

Work on new Military Road proceeds slowly due to floods and all workmen except four had stopped. The cost of materials and carting was ‘most wicked’ CIP P3

-o-o- 1916 -o-o-

1916 cemetery loan repaid [Stitt p10]
1916 outbreak diphtheria due bad sewers [SN133]
1916 GP Sennitt funeral
1916 diphtheria due bad sewers [SN133]

1916 01 07

New Year meeting in Mission & Chapel CIP p3
New Year gives 135 families, clothing & coal p3
Rainfall registered at Orchard House, p3

1914 01 16 ES

PoWs Lance Corp A.W. Chapman, Pte T Frohock, T. Mason, J. Sadler, J Sindall (ES 14.1.16)
Percy BEASLEY summonsed for failing to keep pig dealers register properly entered up - was expecting to be called up
Death Wm Stanley CIP aged 76; was by trade a carpenter p3 [scan]

1916 01 07

Death Esther Lock aged 69. CIP
Charity Distribution. CIP
Rainfall for 1915 CIP
Intercession Service for fallen. CIP

1916 01 14

William Stanley death, 76; carpenter by trade [cutt]

1916 01 21

Collection for soldiers and sailors. CIP
Percy Wm Beazley pig dealer did not keep register. On one occasion swine fever broke out. Fined 20\shillings also Percy Searle. CIP

1916 01 28

Sanitary inspector disinfected one house. He asked to use a different method to the sulphur candle as this damaged coloured fabrics. CIP

1916 02 18

Dr Rysley's charity distribution of money for good attendance CIP p3
Death & funeral H.J. Lister, parish councillor, life trustee charities, represented as Guardian of Poor etc p3

1916 02 25
Mission Hall entertainment CIP p3

1916 03 10
presentation to Mr Howlet, medical man CIP p3

1916 03 17
exemption tribunals start ES p4
Ernest John Swan applied in interest of mother for himself & brother Walter Swann - owned shop, mother an invalid; his brother did majority of postal business exemption for Ernest but not Walter (CIP 17.3.16)

1916 04 ERDM
The name of Edwin Gillett, who was put on the Roll of Honour, was wrongly stated as Harry in last month's notes; we can now add the names of Reginald Diver, William Sadler, Walter Sadler & William Henry Constable

1916 04 14
Albert BAXTER writes re conscientious objectors (Es 14.4.16)

1916 04 21
Exemption: Harold Ellwood, blacksmith, Thos Lawrence, miller (ES 21.4.16)
Wright applies for Nightingale (ES 14.4.16)
Parish Council Meet. CIP

1916 05 ERDM
Owing to heavy expenses incurred In protecting the churches against air raids...

1916 06 ERDM
Jack Wheeler and Joseph Stubbins have been wounded, both hurt by explosion of a rifle grenade

1916 06 16
Charles Wright applied - had lost 6 single and 3 married men off farm & only left with 11 - had advertised for 3 weeks for yardman but without reply (CIP 16.6.16)

1916 03 31
severe blizzard & storm, uproots trees (ES 31.3.16)
exemption tribunal ES p3

1916 04 14
Albert Baxter writes re conscientious objectors ES p8
Wright applies for Nightingale (ES 14.4.16)
Appeal tribunal – ES p2

1916 04 21
exemption : Harold Ellwood, blacksmith, Thos Lawrence, miller (ES 21.4.16)
Red Cross Sale. Long Report. CIP
Appeal tribunal ES p2
Rural tribunal dissatisfaction ES p3

1916 05 05

Appeal tribunal ES p2

1916 05 12

exemption : Walter Swan

Stretham has sent out bravest & best of her sons to fight in the cause of freedom & honour" ... nearly every home has representative on battlefield & brave lads at front will feel a thrill of pride in the old village when they learn what has been accomplished by those left at home ..." (ES 12.5.16)
Red Cross Sale collected £290. CIP

1916 05 19

Pte J.D. Wheeler wounded on May 7th - having returned from Stretham after leave on May 2nd (ES 19.5.16 p8)

1916 05 26

J.W. Stubbins wounded in left eye ES p8

Ely rural tribunal ES p2

1916 05 26 WS

George Lythell, 19, 2nd horse keeper was applied for by Mr Fairchild, refused; Henry Gifford, 20, refused 26 May p2 WS

1916 06 02

20th anniversary parade friendly societies, procession, brass band, banner, boy scouts, left Wesleyan chapel 1.45, collection Addenbrooke's Hospital, concert near Mission Hall & W. Thurston steam circus proprietor gave 10/6 CIUP p3

J W Stubbins lost eye photo. CIP, ES p8

Friendly Soc Parade. CIP

1916 06 16

memorial service at church for late Lord Kitchener; boy scouts in mourning marched behind choir ... (ES 16.6.16)

Rural tribunals ES p2

Charles Wright applied for Geo Dennis, Archie Dennis and a Nightingale - had lost 6 single and 3 married men off farm & only left with 11 - had advertised for 3 weeks for yardman but without reply (CIP 16.6.16)

Percival Sennitt of Rose Cottage butcher exempted. CIP

Percy Geo Lowe insurance agent refused. CIP

Sidney Smith, RDC exempted. CIP

Section of New Military Road ready for military traffic. CIP

Fence in front of Mr Murfitts property to be set back; the existing iron fence to be refixed in front of the house and a new length of fencing provided. CIP

severe blizzard & storm, uproots trees

Baptist Anniversary. CIP

1916 06 16

Ely rural tribunal ES p2

Kitchener memorial ES p8

1916 06 30

Appeal tribunal ES p2

1916 07 07

Ely rural tribunal ES p3

1916 07 07

George Gotobed butcher, T Jacobs farmer, John S Brown farmer. William John Brown farmer exempted.

Charles Ison needed at Brook house as Mrs H.J. Lister an invalid.

Albert Brown father, Charles Hazel farmer, Russell Sennitt horsekeeper, John Ed Constable, Geo Dimmock, Wm Fairchild, Geo Fairchild and Walter Porter carter exempted

John Sadler 32, thatcher and vermin killer exempted till November.

Herbert Searle, farmer, Lewis Hull market gardener and Herbert Martin labourer exempted. CIP

1916 07 21

Ely rural tribunal ES p5

1916 07 28

Wesley appeals at tribunal for Henry Victor Wolfe, advertises for engine driver (ES 28.7 & 4.8)

Wm Geo Murfitt, Josiah Lythell and Rev Routledge's son exempted CIP

1916 08 04

Baxter killed ES p5

Appeal tribunal ES p7

1916 08 11

Corp. Frank Baxter kia 20 July, Percy Routledge reports how bullet entered lung or heart during assault; on leave end of year & returned Dec 5th; aged 27 (ES 11.8.16)

Pte Leonard Constable wounded in chin, right arm & left leg (ES 11.8.16)

1916 08 18

Memorial service at Mission Hall for fallen; roll of honour in porch of church has 118 names - including names of fallen from Stretham & Thetford - Langford, Clark, Winters, Mason, Lowe, Sennitt, Dewsberry, Murfit, Darby, Baxter (ES 18.8.16)

1916 09 ERDM

... add to roll of those faithful unto death name of George Albert Wesley ... Mrs Wesley held garden party a metal matchbox she sent as a present was the means of saving the life of a soldier in France as it stopped the progress of a bullet

1916 09 01

Wesley kia, ES p5, pic ES 16th p8

1916 09 08

Constable kia, ES, pic 15th p8

1916 09 15

Bullman kia, ES p8, pic 22nd p8

1916 09 15

Albert George Wesley kia 8th August [ie before the memorial service held], 20 yrs; on leave June, back 20th (pic ES 15.9.16)

Pte Wm Henry Constable kia 18th Aug 30yrs; was home on leave July (pic ES 15.9.16)

Military road tar spraying complete S side of Dimmock's Cote (where military guard still stationed); pontoon bridge remains but hope permanent bridge soon

Benjamin Bullman, kia Aug 16, 25; on leave Feb, went to front May 6 1916 (ES 15.9.16)

roll of honour 118 men from Stretham & Thetford; 12 will never return (ES 15.9.16)

1916 09 24

L/C R.C. Routledge honoured for gallant action 24-29 Sept 1916 at Battle Thiepval (ES 18.4.18)

1916 09 29

Rural tribunal ES p3

1916 10 ERDM

encouraged me to start a war corner in south transept of church .. hope to have a large picture of The Great Sacrifice underneath which will be ledge to contain photographs of dear ones made Great Sacrifice ... F.O. Sennitt made himself responsible for getting the desired photos ... Stretham library will be re-opened

1916 10 06

comforts fund makes 95 garments (ES 6.10.16)

Military Road completed. CIP

1916 10 13

Harvest Festival. CIP

1916 10 16

funeral W.H. Sennitt [scan]

Horky Supper, Bailey & Tebbutt at Chequers Inn [scan]

1916 10 27

tribunal - Wesley applies for 4 men (ES 27.10.16 p3)

Inquest on Henry Warren of Wilburton, PC Skoyles evidence. CIP

1916 11 08

danger to adjoining land by raising the waterway at Dimock's Cote. They had contracted the waterway by 70 or 80 foot more than agreed upon. Some of banks were on the point of breaking in the last floods and if there had been no relief lower down they would have had a large area under water at the present moment – Ch 1916 11 08b #

1916 11 10

Lance Corp Herbert Howe kia Sept 9th; had served in South African campaign; on leave June, to France Sept 1915 (ES 10.11.16 p8)

1916 11 17

Pte George Hitch missing since 14 Oct (CIP 17.11.16)

Pte Charles Hitch wounded & convalescing at Gloucester (CIP 17.11.16)

1916 11 24

Tribunal John H. Sadler, vermin killer (ES 24.11.16 p3)

Hitch missing, pic ES p8

Appeal tribunal ES p8

Driver hurts Mrs Mabel Brown, her two children and Mrs Skolyes. John Wolfe drum feeder of a traction engine, employed by Mr Wesley fined. CIP

1916 12 01

Tribunal - Wesley appeals - details (ES 1.12.16)

lantern lecture on Gallipoli (ES 1.12.16)

1916 12 08

Corp Russell Routledge, son Rev Routledge awarded Military Medal for gallantry in field; has 2 other sons serving (ES 8.12.16)

Death Geo Langford 26 and Rebecca Spicer aged 60. CIP

1916 12 15

Lieut Russell Wheeler kia ... details (ES 15.12.16 p8)
Corp George Swan rec'd Military medal for distinguished conduct 19-20 July during Battle of Somme (ES 15.12.16)also CIP
Corp Russell Routledge wins Military Medal. CIP

Herbert Hazel letter re narrow escape. CIP

1916 12 22

Heber Hazel narrow escape – (pic ES 22.12 .16)

1916 12 29

Pte Chas Asplin & L/C Bert Baxter home on leave from Somme front ES p8
L/C Bert Baxter conducts service at Mission Hall; brother Corp Frank Baxter kia a few weeks ago ... (ES 29.12.16)
30 carol singers for charity. CIP, ES p8

-o-o- 1917 -o-o-

1917 dispute over archives with Stitt [SN133]
1917 Stitt poem "Tomorrow" [SN153]
1917 whole village turned out to watch Wesley's engines arrive home & details firm [SB34p4]
1917 remove distemper vestry [SN117]
1917 sale Bridge House beer house [SN149]
1917

John Catchpole, farmworkers champion; approached government for pay rise and met David Lloyd-George; got 50% increase in average wage; worked for John Wesley 1980 11 20 [scan]

1917 01 05

tribunals : includes Ernest George Routledge (18) applies for exemption on ground of ill health; son of Rev Routledge; refused; Hudsons & Sons applied for Percy Crowe blacksmith engaged in making hand-made army horseshoes; military appeal but withdraw when see quality of work (ES 5.1.17)

J Dimock applied for Herbert Nightingale milkman and stock man on Manor Farm. He had more labour than any four farmers in Stretham. It is very heavy land. He had other men that could milk but would not do so. Exempted.

Hubert S Coe 26 married milkman ploughman and drill man was applied for by G.R. driver.

Rev Routledge applied for his son.

Jonathan Jacobs applied for George W Murfitt 6 children, milkman, yardman and horse keeper; Geo Nicholas, married, milkman; Walter Russell horsekeeper and Josiah Lythell milkman and yardman.

Albert G Sennitt married, farming 11 acres, doing horse work on allotments, also hackney carter.

Wesley and Co applied for Reginald T Wesley fitter, turner and overseer and Henry Victor Wolf plough engine driver. R Wesley exempted.

Charles Wright applied for C.H. Bullman molecatcher and stockman, Arthur Nightingale horsekeeper.

Since Nightingales two brothers had gone 30 acres were now thistles which should have been wheat.

Geo W Utteridge milkman and yardman applied for by J J Brown.

Albert Brown working farmer exempt.

Charles Hazel farmer and horseman with 100 acres, 40 of which were grass.

Percival Sennitt butcher and poulterer and Reginald C Hazel milkman for his father who has two deaf and dumb sons were refused.

Nurse Hudson of Wilburton funeral. C I P

new pumping engine for draining commons, can pump 13½ tons per minute ES 5.1.1917

1917 01 19

Joseph William Lowe Suffolk Regt, from pneumonia, 24; joined 18 May 1916, to France Nov & died Jan 9th (ES 19.1.17)

1917 02 02

Lt Theford, six join Stretham company Volunteer Force, ES p8

1917 02 09

Geo Lowe and Percy Crowe blacksmiths exempted.

W R Bent horsekeeper, Harold Sennitt horsekeeper, Stanley Brown, Charlie Morton and Jim Murfitt considered. C I P

Rural tribunal ES p2

1917 02 23

Stretham company of Volunteer Force undergoing drill & musketry instruction; has 100 men by Feb with concert in schoolroom; when efficient will get grant from war office for hire of drill room; want their own rifle range in village (ES 23.2.17) and CIP

Stretham Cambridge Volunteers concert ES p8

1917 03 ERDM

... discuss formation of War Savings Association - buy war savings certificates ... Lance Corp Newman is alive though prisoner in hands of Germans ... Miss Malkin's knitting class & Mrs R. Wesley's red cross sewing class are doing steady & valuable work

1917 03 01

Thomas Fairchild farmer applied for sons William and G. who had two operations and had a trained nurse in attendance.

W N Driver applied for R Sennitt yardman and ploughman, refused. S Smith applied for F Ransome, horseman, B J Ison and G W Gillett horseman with seven children. CDN

H S B COE milkman and ploughman and W Russell horsekeeper exempted. CDN

1917 03 02

tribunals : include Chas Wright applies for George Dimmock horsekeeper with six children and A Nightingale, horsemen - since they took 2 of his men 30 acres had gone out of cultivation - did not have labour – should be wheat but is thistles & grass;

A.E. Wright applies for himself - small holder & carter; farmed 9 acres himself & worked for others; had lost left eye when blacksmith's assistant; one of the hardest working men in Stretham – exempted (ES 2.3.17)

1917 03 16

appeals include - Reg Hazel, John Henry Sadler, vermin catcher; Rev A. Routledge appealed for Ernest Gordon - 3 of his sons had volunteered at beginning of year and were in army - felt justified to retain this one who was not physically strong (ES 16.3.17)

Reginald Charles Hazel appealed. Stretham Drainage Commissions had erected an engine practically on this man's isolated farm and he drove the engine. It was difficult to start and needed a man of good strength. As a risk of flooding but he to go, his brother to be trained instead. CIP

John Henry Sadler 32 thatcher vermin killer and chimney sweep. I skinned 40 moles last night after I had my tea. A brother was a POW, appeal dismissed.

Percival Dimmock butcher and poulterer a one man business, special constable and belonged to the volunteers. To go. Also Routledge. CIP

Rev S S Stitt chosen to represent Cof E on National Service Committee CDN

1917 03 30

Charity coal to 136 families, annual parish meeting. CIP

1917 04 06

Appeal tribunal ES p2

1917 04 13

Corp Spencer Ambrose seriously wounded by shell bursting (ES 13.4.17)

war working party - 24 people (ES 13.4.17)

Ely rural tribunal ES p5

Ambrose wounded ES p8, pic 27th p8

1917 04 18

L/C R.C. Routledge honoured for gallant action 24-29 Sept 1916 at Battle Thiepval (ES 18.4.17)

1917 04 20

Routledge praised ES p8

1917 05 04

Death of Sub Lieut. Claude C Sennitt, RNVR, 25 of wounds. CIP

1917 05 11

Rural tribunal ES p3

1917 05 18

death Albert E Wright, youngest son late Wm Wright of S; had 2 sons kia 1 July 1916 during Battle Somme by shell burst; shock brought on paralysis from which never recovered (ES 18.5.17)

1917 05 19

F. Dimock applied for by Walter Dimock; military representative appealed against exemption for Chas Percival Ison gardener and chauffeur to Mrs H J Lister. CDN

1917 05 25

Egg collection fortnightly for wounded in Cambridge, Misses Hazel, Wesley, Jacobs & Bent volunteered, obtained 250 eggs (ES 25.5.17)

Walter Dimmock applied for F Dimmock. CIP

Charles Percival Ison gardener and chauffeur to Mrs H J Lister. CIP

1917 05 30

John Brown farmer leaves estate valued at £5136. 00 CDN

1917 06 01

21st annual parade, Friendly Societies (ES 1.6.17)

John Brown farmer leaves £5136.CIP aged 70

1917 06 17

Private D E Lowe son of Edward Lowe the carrier posted as missing. He was last seen crawling out of a German trench. Joined up on July 1st 1916 and went to France in November. CDN

1917 06 08

Military Road : at entrance next raised embankment on Fodder Fen, Wicken is sign 'no thoroughfare' & condition of surface becoming overgrown with grass shows that the road is not being used, although cost of material & labour has been great. The pontoon bridge which was some time in use was removed some months ago (ES 8.6.17)

1917 01 08

Tennis party, J. Wesley's garden for war work party, supply wool for socks for soldiers (ES 8.1.17)

1917 07 06

Military Road : a number of workmen actively engaged near Cam, hope bridge soon erected (ES 6.7.17)

Red Cross Sale raised £10 for parcels for PoWs (ES 6.7.17)

Sale of the Bridge House Pub CIP

1917 07 31

Creditors of Jonathan Jacobs deceased, cattle dealer to apply. CDN

1917 08 ERDM

... Sunday school treat tea ... precluded owing to food economy regulations

1917 08 08

Mr and Mrs John Wheeler Morden celebrate Diamond Wedding in London. Both were born in Stretham 1837, their parents being Edward and Sarah Morden and Jonathan and Rebecca Cockerton. John set up as bootmaker in Ledbury. In 1857 Louisa joined him and they were married. Later they went to London. Had 12 children, three remain. CDN

1917 08 13

Sale of house occup. Rhoda Ash deceased and Grunty Fen land. CDN

1917 08 24

Wheeler kia pic, ES p8

1917 08 31

Percy W Beasley kia; went into training on March 28th 1916. Was home on leave in August and went to France on the 23rd, was buried where he fell. CDN

Fitch discharged after wounds, Boyce former PoW now home ES p8

1917 09 ERDM

... grieved to hear of death in action of Jack Wheeler ... one of first to join Cambs at beginning of war... wounded last year & on recovered joined Officers Cadet Battalion at Oxford; received commission in Suffolks very short time ago ... killed in recent Flanders battle being "shot through the head when in the act of leading his men against the flank of a party of the enemy who were holding a position with numerous machine guns heard of death of Percy William Beasley in same battle ... was always happy and obliging
last issue July 1918

1917 09 07

War-work room reopened, 334 articles sent ES p8

Casualties: Beasley kia, Wheeler Bros memorial service

1917 09 13

Albert Baxter KIA 26th August. Went into training 11 Nov 1914 and went to France on Jan 1st 1916. Was home on leave in Dec and left on Christmas Day. Was teacher at the Mission Hall where he conducted the service the last Sunday he was a home. His brother Corp Frank Baxter was killed in July 1916 in the Battle of the Somme. Letter from his officer. CDN

1917 09 14

Baxter kia ES p8

1917 09 21

Baxter, Beasley, Wesley memorial service ES p8

1917 09 28

Private J.W Jarman severely wounded and in hospital. CDN, ES p8

1917 10 24

Sec-Lieut J.D. Wheeler killed when leading men over German Front line which enemy holding with numerous machine guns; a few months ago his brother Russell also killed – details (ES 24.10.17)

1917 08 24

Wesleyan Chapel renovation, tenders wanted. CIP

1917 08 24

Military Road : workmen finished at Dimmock's Cote, appears astonishing that a good hard road should not be used & a permanent bridge erected over the stream (ES 24.8.17)

1917 10 26

Egg collection continues ES p8

1917 08 31

Pte E.J. Taylor, previously 'missing', now dead (ES 31.8.17)

1917 09 07

Pte Percy Beasley, kia France & buried where he fell, he died 'nobly & gallantly' (ES 7.9.17)

Memorial service at church for late Wheeler brothers (ES 7.9.17)

War work room will reopen, last year made 334 articles for wounded (ES 7.9.17)

1917 09 14

L/Serg Albert Baxter kia, was active worker at Mission Hall; his brother kia July 1916 (ES 14.9.17)

1917 09 21

Memorial service for Albert Baxter, Percy Beasley, Horace Wesley at Mission Hall (ES 21.9.17)

Private E Vail son of signalman at Stretham fen badly wounded. CIP

1917 09 28

Mrs Jarman has official notification her husband severely wounded (ES 28.9.17)

death of Mr J.L. Wright at his residence (ES 28.9.17)

1917 10 26

Egg collection fortnightly for wounded soldiers continues (ES 26.10.17)

1917 11 09

Exemption tribunals : Thos Lawrence, miller says he did 30-40 sacks of flour & 60 sacks of grist a week, had only one man, about 62 ES p3

1917 11 16

Wesley's in dispute over repairs separator ES 16.11.1917

1917 11 23

Tribunal : Harry Hazel applies for Percy Hazel; on a field of 200 acres he has two other labourers; has 2 boys, both deaf & dumb; his two elder sons were in the army, one wounded four times; Stanley Brown, threshing machine proprietor (ES 23.11.17)

1917 12 14

Sergt Herbert L. Swan kia, son of Mrs Swan of the Post Office (ES 14.12.17)

1917 12 21

Labourers' Union social evening at White Horse Inn; "with present cost of living their wages were not sufficient" (ES 21.12.17)

-o-o- 1918 -o-o-

1918 weather vane moved from cross to school [SN133]

1918 Wesleys works sold up - traction engines [SB34p9]

1918 outing 50 members Girls & Young Men's Guild to Yarmouth

1918 Baptist chapel anniversary ... public tea Thos Jacobs' barn; Miss Wright allowed use of garden CIP

1918 sale land A.C. Wright [SN149]

1918 01 04

Stretham: Pte Ernest Routledge, Roy Sussex, kia; son of Pastor A.R. Routledge of the Mission Hall, 19. Joined army on March 26th 1917, went to France on June 26th. Mr Routledge had three other sons serving with the army in France 18 01 04(3) ES

1918 01 11

Stretham: Rainfall, New Year's services, Intercession day 18 01 11 ES

1918 01 25

aeroplane week, Stretham raises £970 (ES 22.1.18)

1918 02 06

Is a strong branch of the Ag Lab Union. CDN

1918 02 15

County Council consider application from Stretham PC over documents in the possession of the Rector of Stretham consisting of tracings on linen from original maps now in the BM. And certain writings from the 16 and 17 Century relating to the church. The maps to be handed over to the PC to be preserved by them as Parochial Records and the other documents to be placed in the University Library CDN 18 92 15 scan]

1918 02 22 ES

Stretham parish council; tracings of old maps to be kept in Parish Council safe; ask permission for weather vane from Cross to be erected on west front of Infants' School – 18 02 22(2) ES

1918 03 01 ES

Ely Rural Tribunal, Downham, Stretham: John Catchpole, 34, farm labourer, Cage Lane, seven children, member of Agricultural Labourers' Union. Classified B2 in 1916 and worked where he could get the biggest penny. A certain gentleman, George Driver, had offered his men £1 to dip him in the pond. Driver denied it. Mr Davies said ought to have had conditional exemption when he last appeared. Catchpole said he did not object to work for Mr Driver. Mr Luddington (National Service representative) pointed out that the man had been released by the War Agricultural Committee. Mr Driver said he should not think the man had done a week's work in Stretham since harvest. No farmer appeals for the man. Four members voted for dismissal and four gave conditional exemption. Chairman gave casting vote in favour of him remaining in civil life – 18 03 01(2)(3) ES

1918 03 06

Olive Claydon of Lt Thetford tried to drown herself, she was very much in love with Geo Dewsberry. CDN

1918 03 08 ES

Lt Thetford woman jumped into river; left letters for her mother and George Dewsberry. Wife of landlord of Ship Inn, Quayside, said she was returning to Ely from Cambridge by river in a steamboat and saw woman in water. She was rescued. She said 'It is all over George, she was very much in love with George Dewsberry and would do it again when she got up – 18 03 08 ES

Stretham: letter from John Catchpole: I see George Driver states to the Ely Tribunal that I have not done a week's work in Stretham since harvest. Mr Darby also states that no farmers appeal for me. I have object when farmers have asked me if they should appeal for me, plainly telling to them the reasons. I do not agree with it. This is a free country. I shall go where they are willing to pay their labourers most. I am prepared to prove that since harvest I have been employed by three farmers in the parish – 18 03 08(3) ES

1918 03 15

Robert James Stanley used indecent language and threw stones in the street also put dirt down Mr Parnells neck. He was a bad boy. CDN

1918 04 12

Stretham: Sec-Lieut Stitt is reported missing after the regiment's heroic stand at Towey Point. Letters testify to the great courage of Lieut Stitt and all the party – 18 04 12(2) ES

1918 04 12 WS

Missing - 2nd Lieut I.S. Stitt 12 Apr p8 WS

Killed - H.G.Hazel

1918 04 19

Innes Stitt missing 19 Apr 1918 also CDN. Apr 17

Stretham Lieutenant reported missing after Regiment's heroic stand at Towey Post on March 28th; "B Company were holding a front line; Innes was there with me for the three trying days & still more tiring nights which preceded the attack. When the barrage started at 3 o'clock on the 28th I withdrew all my remaining men who were not absolutely indispensable at their posts to two deep dug-outs & sent the officers down there too. When the attack came at 7am everyone fought heroically. Innes was splendid, he stuck to me all the way through. When we had used all out bombs and nearly all our ammunition we went back to Naval Trench about 1,000 yards back. Innes was quite all right when I last saw him, unwounded and fairly fresh, but I had to leave them when I got back to Naval Trench as I knew I couldn't afford to lose much more blood & my revolver had been shot out of my hand". "I have discovered that he was wounded towards the end, but not seriously. Nobody who saw him wounded has survived, but his batman, since killed, told one of the few surviving NCOs of his platoon that he had seen Innes wounded, but not badly. So we are all hoping before long we shall have news of him from Germany" 18 04 19 ES
Stretham casualty: Stitt – 18 04 19(3) ES

1918 04 26

Stretham: George Marquis Stewart Stitt passed special entrance examination for Royal Navy – 18 04 26(3) ES

Tribunal: George Lowe (26), shoeing and general smith. Mr Hudson appeared and said he did not want to put any obstacle in the way of a man going into the army but the business would be affected if he had to join up – claim disallowed – 18 04 26 ES

1918 05 03

Pte Alfred Routledge has been gassed in France and is now in hospital at Leicester, slowly recovering – 18 05 03 ES

Mr H. Hazel of Tiled House Farm has received news that his son, Pte Heber G. Hazel was killed in action on April 13th. A comrade wrote: we were old comrades, having been together for over 12 months. I was beside him when he died and trust you will find a consolation in knowing that he suffered no pain. A piece of shell entered his brain, killing him instantly" – 18 05 03

Tribunal : John Catchpole, member of District Wages Cmte (ES 3.5.18)

1918 05 03 WS

Gassed - Pte A. Routledge 3 May p8 WS

1918 05 10 ES

Rev Stitt writes: "The war is drawing us all together more than anything else could, for so many of us now are knit together by the common fellowship of suffering and anxiety, as well as uplifted with pride in the bravery and devotion of our boys. I suppose it is but fair that while they bravely endure inconceivable hardships at the Front in order to uphold the banner of Freedom, we, too, at home must suffer in our hearts and minds for the same glorious cause. And so we, too, if we take our sufferings manfully, shall share in the ultimate triumph of Good over Evil. This thought should cause us to keep up our courage and carry on. This month we have to record: Innes Stitt, missing (supposed to be wounded), Charles Porter, wounded and a prisoner; Charles Asplin, wounded and in hospital at home; Albert Routledge, badly gassed and in hospital at home; Thomas Cross, dangerously ill ... Mr George Stitt will soon be leaving us for Keyham, where he will go through a course of training for the Royal Navy, as he has successfully passed the necessary examination with credit. We hope his loss to us and the parish will be to his country's gain" 18 05 10(3) ES

Appeal tribunal; includes Stretham: Thomas Laurence, single, miller – millers were not being called up – 18 05 10 ES

1918 05 31

Tribunal : Percy Hazel – his father had 199 acres and employed 2 other men, one son had been kia, another in France & two others stone deaf; Albert Wright had 16 acres, had lost his left eye (ES 31.5.18)

Stretham: Baptist anniversary, when chapel opened in 1818 the famous preacher Rev Robert Hall of St Andrew's Street, Cambridge preached a sermon 18 05 31(2) ES

Annual Parade ... headed by Foresters' Band from Haddenham followed by the banner; collection, service – 18 05 31(2) ES

1918 06 03

Fishing in gault pits near Stretham Bridge to be let. CDN

1918 06 14

Tribunal : John Hopkins, butter merchant with 180 registered customers (ES 14.6.18)

1916 06 21 ES

Stretham: John Hopkins, 42, butter merchant, poulterer and land worker; had 180 registered customers for butter and had dairy produce stall at Cambridge market. He cultivated nearly half-an-acre of fruit garden and spend all the spare time he could on the land. Ought not to be sent when there are so many young men about. Exempted – 18 06 21 ES

1918 06 28 ES

Stretham Citizenship- drawing room meeting at John Wesley's house; urged women to vote wisely – 18 06 28(3) ES

1918 07 12

Appeals John Catchpole ag lab with 7 children and Albert Ed Wright smallholder. CIP

1918 07 19

Mission Hall Sunday school anniversary – A.R. Routledge

1918 08 02 ES

Stretham: Y.M.C.A. concert – 18 08 02(2) ES

1918 09 09 ES

Exemption: Sidney Leach, 42, White Lion, bricklayer was refused exemption, to join up on October 1st; William K. Gautrey (44), Green End, grocer at Swann's Stores also refused. The certificate granted to Percival Bradshaw, baker, was reviewed by the National Service representative but as he has been passed in grade three, Mr Oliard agreed to six months' exemption. Ernest J. Swann (39), single, Front Street, grocer with 600 registered customers belonging to three villages was exempted for three months 18 08 09 ES

Stretham: Remembrance Day united service, 350 attend; shrine in the War Corner was covered with beautiful flowers; a second group of photographs of those who have given their lives has recently been added – 18 08 09(2) ES

Casualties include Thetford: Creek – 18 09 06 ES

1918 09 13

Pte Cyril Seymour severely wounded in back and right thigh (ES 13.9.18)

Rector of Stretham and the Labourers' Union. An alleged statement and a challenge. A meeting of the Labourers' Union was held when there was a good attendance to listen to Mr Stubbs and other leaders of the Labour movement. A somewhat violent attack was made on the Rector of Stretham, the Rev S.S. Stitt, for a statement alleged to have been made that the Board of Trade alone was responsible for the advance of the wages of the agricultural labourer to 30s. per week, and that the Labourers' Union could claim no credit for securing the workers this benefit. In consequence of his assertion it was said that several members were deserting the Union. Mr Stubbs openly challenged the Rev gentleman to come forward and prove his contention that the Board of Trade had anything to do with the Corn Production Act or for the setting up of Wages Boards for the various districts. "It is disgraceful", he said, "that a representative of the Church, who knows the conditions under which the poor labourers have lived in the past under his very eyes, who has seen their wives and children badly clothed, badly fed and housed owing to the miserable conditions under which they have been compelled to live, but has never lifted a finger or uttered a word against this, or many any attempt to better their conditions, should now come forward to destroy the work of the Union in its efforts to give to the working man a ray of sunshine in his monotonous existence and to better the conditions under which he has to work" – 18 09 13

1918 09 18

John Hopkin poulterer, butter merchant and land worker refused renewal of his exemption certificate. CDN

1918 09 27

Rev Stitt sends letter from Cheshire: "unqualified denial to absurd statement ... I am far too much interested in the welfare of the labouring men at the front and his wife & dependants at home to care very much about those who remain safely at home & seem to forget there is a war on. I deeply regret mischief being made during my very brief holiday"

Stretham: news had been received that Pte Elijah Constable, K.S.L.L., son of Mr & Mrs Constable, Wilburton Road, has been wounded in the head and is now in hospital in France. A letter from the Salvation Army Captain, who has visited him in hospital, states that he is improving slowly – 18 09 27(3) ES

Tribunal: John Hopkin (43), poulterer, butter merchant and land worker applied for renewal but did not appear. He stated he had the only dairy produce stall in Ca market, cultivated half-acre of fruit garden for his mother and sister – refused. A letter which was overlooked when his case came on,

was subsequently read, stating he had received a voucher from the War Agriculture Executive Committee – 18 09 27 ES

1918 10 18

Military Road bridge: Road Board had agreed to pay $\frac{3}{4}$ cost of bridge over Cam after war, and pontoons provided; now they wanted to shuffle out of the undertaking. Road will not be maintained until bridge built (ES 18.10.18)

1918 10 25

Tribunal Charles Acred steam ploughman and traction engine driver. CIP

1918 11 01

coal stocks very short, position at Stretham has been awful but now got five trucks in (ES 1.11.18)

1918 11 01 ES

Stretham Red Cross Concert – 18 11 01(3) ES

Tunnel at Stretham had been broken in and Sanitary Inspector had had it repaired on account of danger to foot passengers – 18 11 01 ES

1918 11 15 ES

Reconstruction in Isle - 537 new cottages required, many young people have married during the war, the husbands are serving while wives remaining with their parents – Stretham five - 18 11 15 &(2) ES

Stretham: death Reginald Acred of pneumonia; although many in Stretham have been stricken with the prevailing epidemic, this was the first fatal case and the fact that his five sisters and elder brother are also seriously ill calls forth the deepest sympathy. He was just over 18 and had passed for the army. Worked on father's farm – 18 11 15(7) ES

1918 11 22 ES

Stretham inquest Mary, wife of John Sadler, a vermin killer, 66. They were getting a heifer into the yard and she fell on some old rubbish; a finger bled a little but went potato picking. . After a week complained ... doctor performed an operation but she passed away. John Henry Sadler gave evidence. Died of tetanus – 18 11 22 ES

1918 11 29

Inquest on Mary Sadler wife of John Sadler a vermin killer. She was 66 years of age and was knocked down by a heifer and cut her finger. She seemed alright but then got worse and died. John Henry Sadler son gave evidence. There was a lot of rubbish, greasy tins and waste matter in the yard. After the accident she went to pick up potatoes. It was very mucky. The following week she went to a confinement and also to lay a child out. CDN [printed] [scan]

1918 12 06

man summonsed for keeping dog without a licence; had bought it at Red Cross sale, it was knocked down to him 2 or 3 times for the benefit of the fund (ES 6.12.18)

George Stitt was in "Iron Duke" at pageant of surrender of Hun fleet 18 12 06(2) ES

Casualties include Thetford: Gnr A.J. Dewsbury R.F.A. killed, Pte A.M. Dewsbury, Northants Regt, wounded A – 18 12 06 ES

1918 12 13 ES

Labourers' Union conference held at Stretham ... to link up workers in area to help one another ... great dissatisfaction with wholly inadequate wage to meet present high cost of living – 18 12 12(3) ES

1918 12 20

Influenza Epidemic has reoccurred at Stretham. CDN

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1919 rat plague – pay 3d every rat [SN133]

1919 brass plate war dead [SN117]

1919 01 03 ES

Stretham

Collection for Blinded Soldiers on Christmas day

Meeting discuss forming a Farmers' Federation - 19 01 03 ES

1919 01 10 ES

Stretham Rainfall 19 01 10 (2) ES

1919 02 14 ES

Stretham Rysley's charity distribution – 19 02 14 ES

1919 02 26 Ch

Serious floods, river bank gives way between Waterbeach and Upware, worst in living memory, men cradging on Stretham bank and Old West. One cause is clearing of streams above Cambridge last summer and accumulation in the river-beds below. Dredging scheme needed; photos – 19 02 26a & b

1919 02 26

Serious Floods.—Not for many years has the County of Cambridge been visited by floods of such magnitude or of so serious a nature as those experienced within the last ten days. Thousands of acres are under water, and at Cambridge the water rose at one time to within six inches of the height reached by the memorable flood of 1879. At Ely the river touched a depth beyond any previously attained within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. It is good news to hear that since Sunday the water has been steadily falling. A serious break in the river bank midway between Waterbeach and Upware last Wednesday resulted in the disastrous flooding of hundreds of acres of low-lying land in the vicinity, the temporary isolation of several farms and cottages and considerable damage to stacks. On Tuesday night ... above the banks at Waterbeach Fen where the break in the river bank occurred, and farmers took prompt steps to remove their stock to safety, but on Wednesday morning a break occurred, and the breach rapidly becoming wider, the water poured through. Farm buildings and cottages were surrounded, and the inhabitants in some cases were forced to seek shelter in the village. All Wednesday farm workers and other helpers from Waterbeach and district worked up to their knees in water, but the gap widened, and it was found necessary to sink two barges in the breach. Thousands of sandbags were requisitioned and by this means the hole was filled and the inflow of water at this spot checked. Men have been employed night and day in "cradging" along the banks and strengthening the places where any water was found overflowing, this also being done on the Stretham bank of the Old West

1919 03 02

WI affiliate to National Federation [ES 2.3.1989]

1919 03 07

owing to burst in bank of river Military road under flood for several months large part of commons under water, Old West bank in rotten state ES 7.3.1919 [SB17]

1919 03 12

5,000 Acres Under Water. In consequence of three serious breaks in the banks caused by the recent floods, it is estimated that about 5,000 acres of farm land, including some smallholdings, are still under water to a depth of from 2 ft. to 5.ft. in Cambridgeshire. In places the water stretches as far as the eye can see, cottages, farm buildings, stacks and just the top rails of gates showing out of the water. The breaks which occurred in the banks holding back the water resulted in large areas, hitherto regarded as safe from the inroads of flood water, becoming inundated. The damage has been most extensive and in some cases tons of produce, particularly potato crops, have been rendered almost valueless. The places where the banks gave way were (1) at Barway, on the Soham Lode, (2) at Waterbeach Fen, on the river Cam, (3) at Stretham and Thetford Fen, on the Old West River. The worst break was probably at Barway, where the bank apparently gave way from underneath, after being undermined by the water. Huge portions of the bank were torn away by the rush of water and can be seen now dotted about in the floods like little islands

1919 03 14 ES

Stretham service of song, Wesleyan Chapel – 19 03 14 ES

1919 03 21 ES

Stretham war working party, closes; Mrs F. Jacobs and Mrs R.T. Wesley organised since November 1916. Work been for the Ely Hospital Supply Depot, 1,000 articles besides 115 pairs of socks made and given to the soldiers of the village – 19 03 21(3) ES

1919 04 25

Stretham

Wedding Bertram Parish to Ethel Sarah Bent, for many years assistant teacher in Infant School. - 19 04 25(2) ES

Wesleyan Chapel services

Social Club to close for summer; more patronised than ever. Billiards, draughts and other games taken advantage of by the soldiers recently demobilised. Sec Athelston Driver, treasurer Walter Bent – 19 04 25(3) ES

1919 04 11 ES

Stretham W.I. branch recently inaugurated in the Mission Hall presided by Mrs Stitt to stimulate an interest in agriculture, develop co-operative enterprise, encourage home and local industries, study home economics and provide a centre for educational and social intercourse and all local activity. Mr J. Wesley is hon sec.

War Working Party now ceased – 19 04 11(2) ES

1919 05 16 ES

Stretham - Addenbrooke's Hospital collection - 19 05 16 ES

1919 05 30 ES

Stretham

Wesleyan Chapel Sunday School anniversary

Hospital Parade procession headed Foresters' Brass Band from Haddenham. It being annual feast Mr Pont who visited with his steam horses added to collection. Names. – 19 05 30 ES

1919 06 13

Knocked down by cyclist. Stretham man who lost taste and smell awarded £100. James Priestley, an engine driver employed Stretham Common Drainage Commissioners walking into Ely when dashed into by H.R. Porter, a brewer near Quarter-way House. Could not work – 19 06 13(2)(3) ES

1919 07 11 ES

Stretham funeral G.H. Sennitt of Peas Hill, Cambridge. Born in Stretham 1866, succeeded his father in business and founder of Cambridge Butchers' Association – 19 07 11 ES

1919 08 29 ES

Stretham Football Club annual meeting

Comrades' Peace Celebrations – Stretham post held peace celebration of their own: parade around village under leadership Isaac Asplin (an Afghan War veteran), J. Barber carried Union Jack, Ely Comrades' Band. Tea on Rectory lawn – 19 08 29(2) ES

1919 09 12 ES

War memorial progress: Stretham – 19 09 12 ES

1919 10 10 ES

Stretham Harvest Festival, Social Club – to recover billiards table and a few chairs; clubroom repainted – 19 10 10(4) ES

1919 11 07 ES

Stretham Lance Corporal Bert Dimmock, formerly wounded on March 28th 1918 now officially killed. Was member of Metropolitan Police Force before joining 4th London Royal Fusiliers. Good athlete and fine scores for Stretham cricket club. Member of Social Club, Football and Tennis Clubs. Had hoped he prisoner of war – photo – 19 11 07 ES

1919 11 14

county council consider smallholdings, Gravel Farm ES 14.11.1919

1919 11 14 ES

Stretham War Memorial public meeting for memorial to 25 men; after long discussion decided to erect a granite memorial in Cemetery. Committee formed

Mons Hero, Jack Asplin, one of the first to be called up in August 1914, crossing with the first Expeditionary Force sent to France and taking part in the retreat from Mons, marries Miss Rose Wesley – 19 11 14 ES

1919 12 05 ES

Stretham Mission Hall – Aldreth choir visit – 19 12 05 ES

1919 12 19 ES

Ely rural water scheme: replies from parishes; include Stretham 19 12 19(2)(3) ES

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Includes Ely Standard

Some Ely Standard stories photographed

1920 offered 2 German machine guns as memorial, also French mortar [SN133]

1920 water supply opposition [SN133]

1920 P. Routledge appointed as parish council clerk, March [SN133]

1920 01 02 ES

Stretham candidates Ely RDC by-election: Albert Rowe, farmer; Holland Rose Porter, brewer; John Wesley, engineer p5 – 20 01 02 ES

Stretham v Haddenham football, p6 – 20 01 02ES

Stretham: carol singers with Walter Swan, p8 – 20 01 02(3) ES

1920 01 09

4 new cottages to be erected, cost £800 ES 9.1.1920

1920 01 09 ES

Stretham, p8

Four new cottages to be erected, cost to be about £800

Charity gifts

Promotion for Wybrew, stationmaster for 7½ years, to go to Burwell; courteous and genial manner won esteem of all

Rainfall figures for 1919

Carol singers raise £5.1.0 – 20 02 09(3)&(4) ES

1920 01 16 ES

Ely water scheme shelves, Stretham, Haddenham opposed p5

Stretham RDC election. Porter withdrew and Brown defeated Wesley; fought on water supply question which Brown opposed – one of the most exciting contests in village. Parish Council had, without public meeting, pledged support to costly RDC scheme. Wesley held public meeting, Brown published address saying would cost 2/9d rate and place burden for next 30 years, p5 – 20 01 16 ES

Stretham, p8

Entertainment by W.I. & Comrades – 20 01 16(3) ES

1920 01 23

Geo Albert Driver refused permit to retail meat. There were three butchers in Stretham for a population of about 1000 and a further permit to kill live meat would not be granted. The only permit he would be granted would be to retail foreign meat only. CDN

1920 01 23 ES

Stretham butcher G.A. Driver applies for registration under Meat Control Order; he a discharged soldier. Making three butchers for population under 100. Committee oppose on grounds he unable to receive any live meat, p5 – 20 01 23 ES

1920 02 12

Small holdings committee issue an order for the compulsory hiring of three fields belonging to Mrs Townsend. CDN

1920 02 13 ES

Stretham war memorial – parish council permit erection cemetery, have £106, disappointment about amount of funds – need £150. Committee “have not been backed as they should by those who have made their fortunes out of the war”; one of dead had written after one of the most terrible battles “I lived with my Regiment for three days on half a biscuit in a trench half filled with dead German soldiers...” He had fallen yet there were prominent men in Stretham who would no trouble to attend the meeting called to erect a memorial in honour of 24 dead. Sidney Smith will guarantee £175 would be forthcoming – though not that he would personally donate remainder p8 – 20 02 13 ES

Stretham: [Isle of Ely] committee resolved that an order be made for the compulsory hiring of three fields in the parish belonging to Mrs Townsend, recently put up for sale by auction and withdrawn. Subsequently recommended that Mr J. Dimock he asked to let the Council 36 acres of land belonging to him between the New-Road and the military road at the same rent as paid by the present tenant. Resolved that the rent to be offered for Mrs Townsend’s three fields in Cambridge Road, to be acquired under a compulsory order, be 45d per acre. – 20 02 13 ES

1920 02 20 ES

Stretham Ferry Bridge extremely narrow and needs widening p6 – 20 02 20 ES

1920 03 18

Knights Brewery Auction includes New Red Lion Inn. CDN

1920 04 02 ES

Stretham parish meeting; P.W. Routledge reappointed clerk, J. Badcock gravedigger and cemetery caretaker; increase rents on Grunty Fen land because of new drainage work – 20 04 02 (2) ES

1920 04 09

New red Lion

Knights Brewery sale includes New Red Lion Inn Stretham, fully licensed – copied

1920 04 09 ES

Stretham p8 Stretham:

Baptist church entertainment

Service of song, Wesleyan chapel

Dancing Class finished successful season with dance in schoolroom when upwards of 40 spent an enjoyable evening under direction of Harry Driver. Secretary Mr bent decorated room – 20 04 09 ES

1920 04 15

Sale of Three acres orchard land occupied Charles Driver. CDN

1920 04 16 ES

Stretham p8

Jumble sale

Property sale – New Red Lion and land Grunty Fen purchased by F. Dale for £500

Comrades Society concert in schoolroom; committee named. Formed to give helping hand to ex-Servicemen in securing land, small-holdings and allotments. Sketches by W.I. – names – 20 04 16 ES

1920 04 21

Dimock's Cote bridge wanted – military constructed a pontoon bridge but this removed – 20 04 21c

1920 04 21 ES

Travelling showman drunk after Stretham Feast, using indecent language, p5*

Stretham p8

Henry Granville Francis Baylis rode motor bike without lights

Stretham v Chittering cricket. V Prickwillow cricket

Stretham married v singles cricket

Cricket juniors

Dance, T. Utteridge MC

1920 05 07 ES

Stretham cricket v Witcham, p5

Stretham p8

Addenbrooke's collection

WI – 20 05 07 (4) ES

1920 05 14 ES

Stretham p8

War Savings Campaign – National Savings Committee present Rev Stitt with 9.2 shell, suitably inscribed which placed in the War Chapel

Cricket v Wilburton – names – 20 05 14 ES

1920 05 28

Visit of Gypsy Smith, Wesleyan Chapel and J. Wesley's lawn; talks of experiences with troops in France

Hospital Parade – Haddenham Foresters' Band – names – 20 05 28 ES

1920 05 28 ES

Stretham visit of Gypsy Smith to Wesleyan Chapel & evening meeting Westley's lawn, large gathering, p8

Stretham Hospital Parade – 24th annual parade Friendly Societies. Procession, band, collection – names & amounts. So far total £225.19.11 raised by the 24 parades, p8

1920 06 03

Sale, \$ acres pasture on Cambridge Rd known as Broham Brook Close, sold to Thomas Jacobs. CDN

1920 06 04 ES

Stretham p8

Baptist anniversary

Post Office removed to premises of Mr Baylis from Swan's Stores; late Thomas Swan was postmaster up to the time of his death six years ago, since which time Mrs Swan had acted. Has been in charge of the family upwards of 40 years [SN142]

Accident near Railway Station, cart laden with mail belonging Mr Day of Bedwell Hay Farm, horse stumbled

Late Mr Westrope of Mildenhall buried Stretham; he resided in village for number of years as farmer and married daughter late C.P. Sennitt – 20 06 04 ES

1920 06 11 ES

Stretham p8

Cricket v Coveney

Lawn tennis – 20 06 11 ES

1920 06 16

A G Wheeler headmaster of the mixed school granted three months extension as Head. CDN

1920 06 18 ES

Stretham: George Bertram Sadler assaulted William Jarman, p5

Stretham cricket v Chittering, p5

Stretham p8

Baptist anniversary

Crowe accident, worked George Driver – knife fell from stack

1920 06 25

Outing Club reorganised after war, first road outing by Parnell's to Hunstanton ES 25.6.1920

1920 06 25 ES

Ely Russell Wright, butcher (have been others), p5 ?is he of Stretham

Stretham p8

Stretham Outing Club which wound up because of war now re-organised; 27 journey to Hunstanton in Parnell's motor conveyance, their first outing by road. – 20 06 25 ES

1920 07 02

Sale of Wesley's Works. Copied. CDN [scan]

1920 07 02 ES

Wagons of hay burnt at Stretham: Messrs R. Drake's steam tractor with two wagons laden with bales of hay on outskirts when a spark from the engine ignited the hay in the first wagon and flames quickly spread to second load. The whole was soon well alight and as no water was available the men in charge could not cope with the outbreak. Large columns of smoke arose and this and the blazing hay blocked for the road for some time until the engine was able to move the wagons on to the road-side where they burned until a late hour – 20 07 02 ES

Fire at residence Mr W. Gautrey; hot ashes fell from wash-house stove on to some rags; articles of clothing burnt and feared the fire would spread but help rendered by Messrs Wesley & Co's employees with buckets of water – 20 07 02 (4) ES

Captain and Mrs Coote at Garden Fete in Rectory grounds, Stretham – organised by W.I. in aid of St Dunstan's – 20 07 02 ES

1920 07 09 ES

Stretham p8

v Haddenham cricket

WI 'nursing'

Garden fete raised £53.6.6. – 20 07 09 ES

1920 07 16 ES

Stretham lawn tennis, p8

1920 07 22

Sale of House and office and business comprising workshops sheds, warehouses and yards at Green End. – Wesley's Works. CDN

1920 07 23 ES

Stretham v Wentworth cricket, p8

1920 07 30 ES

Stretham v Sutton cricket, p8

Stretham p8

Tennis match

Outing – those employed by Chivers were guests of firm at social gathering in factory; were conveyed by motor cars

Mission Hall anniversary – 20 07 30 ES

1920 08 05

Meetings about emigration to Canada have been held. CDN

1920 08 06 ES

Stretham p8

Baptist anniversary

Sunday School treat includes games J. Dimock's meadow – 20 08 06 ES

1920 08 13

One person had Scarlet Fever. CDN

1920 08 13 ES

Stretham p8

Musical success Ronald Bradshaw

Football agm – 20 08 13 ES

1920 08 13 WS

Musical success - at recent school exam at Cambridge, Master Ronald Bradshaw secured a pass in piano playing 13 Aug p8 WS

1920 08 16

Harvest wages complaint from labourers demanding double wages and payment for overtime.
Agreed CDN

1920 08 20 ES

Stretham: J.C. Parnell furniture removers – general motor haulage – advert, p1

1920 08 27 ES

Stretham Annie Elizabeth Stanley fined for no cycle lights, p8

Funeral Mrs W. Sennitt who used to live in Stretham but died in Ely – 20 08 27 (2) ES

1920 09 08

Geo King Fitch left £1,767.CDN

1920 09 10 ES

Stretham p8

WI

Will George King Fitch, died 1st July, left gross estate £1,767.12. – 20 09 10 ES

1920 09 24 ES

Stretham – Ely RDC houses being built, ‘not room to swing proverbial cat’, p5

Stretham p8

Harvest festival

Football meeting – 20 09 24 ES

1920 10 01 ES

Stretham p8

Baptist harvest festival

Social club agm – 20 10 01(4) ES

1920 10 04

Josiah Sennitt left £133

1920 10 08

Henry Granville Francis Baylis find as no light on his motorbike. CDN

1920 10 08 ES

Stretham p8

Will Josiah Sennitt, £133.3.7

Church harvest festival

Football v Aldreth

W.I. – 20 10 08 ES

1920 10 15

War memorial site ES 15.10.1920

1920 10 15 ES

Stretham RDC housing: large consignment of tiles arrived, first pair of cottages covered in, bedroom floors laid & plastering commenced; outside plastering completed – soon ready. Second pair well in hand, third pair shortly covered in p5* – 20 10 15(2) ES

Stretham v Littleport football – debut in Lower Junior League – article, p7

Stretham juniors v Thetford juniors football, p7

Stretham war memorial consider site, chose churchyard, p8 – 20 10 15(3) ES

1920 10 15 WS

Football - IOE Junior league, S v Littleport 15 Oct p7 WS

1920 10 22 ES

Stretham v Prickwillow football – good account of play, p7

1920 10 22 WS

Football - IOE Junior league, S v Prickwillow - 1-1 22 Oct p7 WS

1920 10 29 ES

Stretham p8

Miss Wright, Orchard House collects for Addenbrooke's Hospital

Football v Thetford – 20 10 29(2) ES

1920 11 ERDM

... hope to have a solemn service of thanksgiving for fallen ... Nov 7th

1920 11 05 ES

Stretham – two houses completed by Xmas, p5

Stretham v Sutton football, p7

Stretham p8

Lecture by George Stitt, serving on ship in Black Sea

Runaway: horse attached to milk float belonging Mr H. Kisby bolts when frightened by train at

Stretham station – 20 11 05(2) ES

1920 11 05 WS

Football S v Sutton - 0-1 5 Nov p7 WS

1920 11 12 ES

Stretham: Fred Curtis, cripple, drunk, p5

Ely RDC housing progress reports from villages, p5

Stretham awaiting stoves to complete first pair houses, others progressing, p5

Stretham v Littleport football, p7

Stretham p8

Memorial service for those who died on active service

Football

Foreign Missions

Feather success: H. Coe wins prizes for poultry – 20 11 12(2) ES

1920 11 19

Reconstruction of bridge over Old West River at Stretham – Road Board would contribute two-thirds and County council one third of cost when the bridge was built and when the Cambs County Council build their bridge over the Cam. For that the Government would contribute 2/3rds and County one-third. But at present money was not to be obtained and little could be done. A number of landowners and farmers had offered to contribute. Dangerous condition of the ferry bridge between Stretham and Chittering. Was very narrow and in dangerous condition.

1920 11 26

Ouse Drainage Board heavy expenditure; maps alone to cost £500; left bank of the Old West River at Stretham common required to be strengthened and right bank of Stretham Catchwater would be safer for being raised six or nine inches – approved

1920 11 26 ES

Stretham v GER reserves, p7

Stretham p8

‘Socialism’ lecture, large attendance, p8

‘Wonderful London’ lecture – 20 11 26 ES

1920 11 29 ES

Stretham p8

Armistice day – bell tolled 34 times for 34 men

Fox shot

1920 12 03 ES

Stretham H. Hazel, Tile House Farm, wants horsekeeper – good house and garden found, p1

Stretham p8

Village & County Town concert tour visits

football

Whist

Mr Wheeler, schoolmaster 27 years retired – presented with armchair, succeeded by Bridgeman head (till 1944) [SB35]

1920 12 10 ES

William Dimock, carrier and farmer, applied for possession of cottage occupied by George Murfitt, but the tenant had since undertaken to give up possession on 20th March – 20 12 10(5) ES

Stretham p8

Football

Whist Drive

Concert

Retirement of Mr Wheeler, schoolmaster for 27 years; presented with armchair; succeeded by Mr Bridgman – 20 12 10 ES

Ely rural houses progress – Mepal, Wentworth, Witchford, Pymoor, Downham, Thetford, Stretham, Coveney, Witcham

Stretham: first pair require staircases fixing, bottom floors laying and doors hanging, stoves fixing and painting and distempering. Second pair have roof timbers fixed and third had first floor joists fixed - 20 12 10(3) ES

Football

Poultry success Hubert Coe

1920 12 13

Walter E Dimmock, carrier and farmer, applied for possession of a cottage occupied by Geo Murfitt of Top Street. CDN

1920 12 17 ES

Stretham v Sutton football, p7

Stretham p8

Dance for St Dunstan's

Hubert Coe poultry success

Football

W.I. elections – 20 12 17 ES

1920 12 17 WS

Football friendly S v Sutton 1-0 17 Dec p7 WS

1920 12 24 ES

Stretham p8

Poultry success – Coe

Share-out club – 100 members receive £1.16.0; members contribute 6d each to children late J.

Langford, elect trustees, A.R. Routledge, H. Norman, Richard Baxter – 20 12 24 ES

1920 12 29

Sewer blocked parish council suggest that if a set of canes could be supplied the work could be done locally. CDN

-o-o- 1921 -o-o-

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1921 cemetery war memorial, Nov 13 [SB20 SN51 SN133]

1921 01 07 ES

Stretham reserves v Ely Rovers p7

Stretham p8

Dance in Boys' School for St Dunstan's

Rainfall figures, 1920 average 21.13"

Wesleyan Sunday School Xmas treat

Charity gifts

1921 01 14 ES

Stretham v Cottenham football, p7

Stretham, p8

Whist drive

Mr Smith, Grange Farm, blown from cycle in front of car

1921 01 21 ES

Stretham lantern lecture on 'Spirit Photography' – tickets from W. Mason, p4

Stretham v GER Reserves, p7

Stretham p8

Baptist Mission New Year treat

Charity to publish note re proceedings against allotment tenant for wilful damage

1921 01 28 ES

Stretham p8

Baptist Mission Hall entertainment

V Wilburton football

1921 02 04

spiritualism lecture ES 4.2.1921

1921 02 04 ES

Stretham v Ely reserves football, p7

Stretham p8

Football

Spiritualism – lecture on spirit photography; good audience, introduction by W. Mason, closed with Benediction by the Rector

Cricket anniversary meeting

Wilburton death Major M. Hudson, 45; several years blacksmith with father, William E. Hudson & brother Fred trading as W.E. Hudson & sons at Wilburton, Haddenham & Stretham. Was the active partner, seen daily; two years ago gave up farming relinquishing smithy business, letting shops to men working for him at time – J. Wesley, Stretham uncle. Coffin carried by workers. Blacksmiths shops include P. Crow & G. Lowe, p8

1921 02 11 ES

Stretham - William Wesley rides motor cycle without lights, p5

Stretham v Sutton football

Stretham p8

Football

W.I.

Lecture by Lieut Stitt, lantern slides

1921 02 18 ES

Stretham death John Dimock, Plantation Farm. Farmed 3-400 acres, prominent in agricultural circles. No involvement public life. Admires and excellent master to employees. 48. Took

Plantation on death of his father, J.B. Dimock. Leaves widow & two sons, p3*

Stretham – Walter William Dimock gets court order for removal George Murfitt from his cottage as agreed, December 1920, p5

Stretham v Haddenham football, p7

Stretham p8

Football

W.I.

1921 02 25 ES

Villages & housing – how work stands in RDC. Stretham one pair ready this week, 2nd ready painting, 3rd 25% plastered, 4th roof timbers fixed, p4

Stretham v Haddenham football, p7

Stretham charity distribution, p8

1921 03 04 ES

Stretham, p8

Whist drive

Lecture

Football

1921 03 11 ES

Stretham, p8

Serious fire stacks Albert Brown, Cambridge Road, p8

Lecture

W.I.

1921 03 18 ES

County war memorial – list of fallen, Stretham 24 names, p6

1921 03 25 ES

Ely rural housing – report, Stretham first pair occupied, 2nd pair painting, 3rd joinery, 4th covered in, 5th five-foot high brickwork. It is regretted that the well not yet sunk and tenants complaining about water supply for cottages, p3*

1921 04 01 ES

Stretham: Bertram Parish wants general servant, p1

Stretham: motor cycle for sale – C. Quincey, p1

Stretham: eggs – prize winners – Coe – advert, p4

Stretham: sale three cottages Reads Street (pic), extending Brook's Lane; one let to Charles Taylor, two unoccupied, sale by executors late Mrs Fanny Mitchell, p4***

Stretham: sale furniture late Fanny Mitchell, Reads Street, p5

Stretham p8

Concert

Excels Concert Party

Football

Cricket

Sacred Concert, Mission Hall

Wesleyan service of song

1921 04 08 ES

Stretham: Fred Parnell failed to produce drivers licence, p5

1921 04 15 ES

Stretham housing complaint – water had to be fetched from farm 200 yards away; to tell contractor install pump for well immediately, p8

Stretham, p8

Comrades of Great War to meet weekly

W.I.

1921 04 15

water fetched from farm 200 yards away, tell contractor install pump for well immediately ES 15.4.1921;

1921 04 22 ES

Elu rural housing report progress: Stretham four now occupied, p8

1921 04 29 ES

Coal supplies running out; Stretham 300 permits issued, p5

1921 05 06 ES

Stretham, p8

Baptist anniversary,

Cricket

1921 05 13 ES

Stretham v Prickwillow cricket, p7

Stretham v Lt Thetford cricket, p7

Stretham

Hospital egg collection, p8

1921 05 20 ES

Stretham: Addenbrooke's 25th parade – Evening Star Lodge & Share Out Club. Haddenham band paraded Top Street, Read Street, Pump Lane, service, concerts, p5

Stretham v Haddenham, Witcham cricket, p7

Stretham WI, p8

1921 05 27 ES

Stretham v Wilburton cricket, p7

Stretham, p8

Dance organised H & A. Wright

Motor cycle & sidecar catches fire, run into pond & extinguished

Parade collected £26.8.2¼ (names)

1921 06 03 ES

Stretham, p8

Cricket ladies v men, Marion Hazel scored 29

1921 06 10 ES

Stretham garden fete for blind organised W.I. at Rectory, p5

1921 06 17 ES

Stretham: George Simpson licensee Chequers sold whisky above maximum price, p5

Stretham v Coveney, p7

1921 06 24 ES

Stretham v Wardy Hill, p7

Stretham: Wesleyan anniversary, p8

1921 07 01 ES

Stretham Comrades v Sutton Comrades, cricket, p5

Stretham v Haddenham, p10

Stretham, p11

Baptist anniversary

Henry Asplin, one Thomas Jacobs' men, hurt in fall from water cart; (died, was cattle dealer Hall Lane – 8th p9)

1921 07 08 ES

Stretham Comrades snooker, Red Lion, hut box taken round, hope to obtain hut as soon as possible, p9

1921 07 15 ES

Ely rural housing, Stretham – five completed, 6th ready, p8

Stretham p11

Fire stacks H. Teagle, ton of old hay destroyed

Mission Hall Sunday School festival

Fire stack High Searle, High Street – got under control 'after drying several of the neighbouring walls'

Accident George Russell & daughter Mrs Nicholls – cart went into ditch

Funeral Henry Asplin

W.I. whist drive on lawns of Manor

1921 07 29 ES

Stretham: Wedding Miss Lilian Taylor & Claud Milnes; bride eldest daughter William Taylor, Ivy Cottage; both served during war, p11

Stretham v Wardy Hill, Haddenham, p12

1921 08 05 ES

Stretham, p9

Hubert Coe wins poultry prize

WI

1921 08 12 ES

Stretham Manor Farm sale stock late John Dimock, p4

Stretham marriage Miss Bertha Sennitt, formerly of Stretham, p5

Stretham war memorial protests against decision to erect in cemetery ... lengthy, rector apologies over misunderstanding with Committee over faculty which would be needed if in churchyard.

Deputation to meet Committee & convey apology, p8

Stretham football, p8

1921 08 19 ES

Stretham, p8

Retirement Samuel Freeman, signalman, Stretham station 18 years

Wedding Lilian Hazel, eldest daughter Fred of Cambridge House, & D. Folkes, p8

1921 09 02 ES

Stretham : P. Bradshaw corn merchant – advert, p1

Stretham & Ely cricket, p7

Stretham p8

Harvest festival

Fox hunt, Grunty Fen, 2nd killed recently

1921 09 09 ES

Stretham houses – eight inhabited, two more by end of month, p3

Stretham: Kezia Bradshaw will - £831, p8

1921 09 16 ES

Stretham: sale stock Manor Farm, p5

Stretham, p8

Miss Brown of Stretham lectures on basket weaving

Football v Aldreth

Mission harvest festival

1921 09 23 ES

Stretham Granges Farm, Grunty Fen – sale stock – James Strawson has let the farm

Stretham p8

Football v Thetford

Wesleyan harvest festival

1921 10 07

Stretham c Haddenham football, p9

Stretham last pairs of houses ready for occupation, hedges to be planted, p9

Stretham, p10

Church harvest festival

Social Club annual meeting ‘valuable and efficient service to young men in village’

1921 10 14 ES

Stretham v Ely GE football, p8

Stretham p10

Court case C.H. Gimbert, Ely, applied for possession cottage occupied by John Cathpole, labourer; it let 1916 at rent £1.4.0 a month. Gave notice. Catchpole owed rent & complained of an increase.

Told to vacate

Obituary Stephen Green, pensioner GER (1875-1908), 81

Obituary Mrs Fairless, at her daughter, Mrs Morden, Sun Inn; H. Stanley of Stretham had charge of funeral arrangements, p10

1921 10 21 ES

Stretham, p10

B. Leonard & h. Coe success at show

Gospel Van visits & open-air services

1921 10 28 ES

Agricultural situation – MP opens campaign with village meetings; Stretham meeting includes questions from J. Catchpole re wages, Stitt re deceased soldiers’ children, J.C. Parnall re tax on motor vehicles. Need for bridges. Catchpole ‘on hands and knees to get it’, p3

Stretham, p10

Wedding Roland Murfitt & Emily Beasley

Parish church council duties defined

Albert Edward Russell, war hero, dies in America; brother George having gone in 1912 he followed to Volga City. Met Walter Everitt (formerly of Stretham) who cared for him till death. Enlisted, one of first in USA & sailed 30 Jul 1917, served France. Returned September 5th 1919, discharged 25th. In four minor engagements & several gun attacks, several months in hospital. Problems on return but no medical aid. Friends appealed to Government. Went to Dubuque & Tennessee but no help.

When realised he failing he went back to Mrs Everitt, 11th March. Died September 24th. Military funeral, church full. Mason *

1921 11 04 ES

Stretham: John Sadler, general dealer, assaulted George Russell at White Horse, dispute over pigs. Dismissed

Stretham, p12

To be special Armistice Service in church,

Wesley church larger organ installed – special service

1921 11 11 ES

Stretham wife tells of another woman, husband sent to prison, she now living at Stretham with parents, p7

Stretham p12

Missions, SPG

Football

Whist

Death Mrs Agnes Driver, widow Thomas, 76

Armistice Sunday impressive service

1921 11 18 ES

Stretham: Eliza Asplin, widow, applies compensation for death of her husband at work – adjourned, p3

Stretham: Harry Lowe, farmer, Cage Lane, sues Lime Street Fruit Stores over 101 bags green peas.

John Catchpole, their agent, said they best seen. Awarded £25.5.0, p3

Stretham war memorial, cemetery unveiled, p7*

Stretham v Sutton football

1921 11 25 ES

Stretham & Manea football, p11

1921 12 02 ES

Stretham schoolboys v Ely football, p11

1921 12 09 ES

Stretham: Holland Porter lectures on India at Ely, p7

Stretham v Littleport Reserves, p11

Stretham: Foreign Missions, Wesley chapel, p12

1921 12 23 ES

Stretham, p12

Musical success Ronald Bradshaw

1921 12 30 ES

Stretham: Catchpole applies extension possession of cottage, 'if I only get a shed I would move out', p4

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1922 Opposition to water supply [SN142]

1922 death of F.P. Sennitt [SB41]

Ely Standard 1922 Stretham stories & others

1922 01 04

Elford Long fire property Johnson Norman & occupied by R.T. Wesley; two straw stacks, one bean stack and a barley stack burnt; only building damaged an open shed. Ely brigade not summoned as obviously stacks could not be saved 22 01 04e CDN [scan]

1922 01 06

Stretham fire - three stacks totally destroyed during gale, Elford Long Farm owned by Johnson Newman occupied R.T. Wesley – pigs & cattle removed ES 22 01 06 p5

Stretham rainfall figures 1921 – ES 22 01 06 p7

Charity distribution p12

Football club whist drive p12

Wedding – Ellen Rebecca Cook & G.B. Sadler, youngest son J. Sadler p12

Wicken road bridge – Coote writes John Catchpole – has raised it with council – await Cambs CC decision p12

Wesleyan carols include Mrs Cross of Stretham (Miss Patricia Legge L.R.A.M.) p12

1922 01 06 WS

Fire - three stacks of crops were completely destroyed by fire during a gale; belonged to Johnson Norman at Elford Long farm. The stacks were covered by insurance. This was 2nd fire within a week in Ely district 6 Jan p3 WS

1922 01 13 ES

Stretham – Mrs Aspland awarded £285 following death of husband, £200 to her, £85 son Leonard George Aspland who unemployed p3

Stretham Catchpole ejectment – probably not proceed p5

1922 01 20 ES

Stretham v Chatteris football p9

Stretham – social for Wesley carol singers p12

Stretham – Baptist Sunday School Xmas treat p12

1922 01 27

Stretham farmer's failure – partnership on borrowed money, Arthur John Thory of Stretham fen; 1919 went into partnership Mr Blow of Stretham. 174a bought land for £5,000 – moved from Warboys. Wanted a lot more money put in, no stuff to sell, only bills. Frost came, then drought 1 Jan 1922 p3 [cutt]

Stretham – T. Lawrence letter re cycle rear lights p5

1922 02 03

Stretham death James Daniel Dimock of Soham, 77, successful farmer, retired 17 years ago; born Stretham 15 Aug 1844 in old farmhouse home of family for generations; married 21 Nov 1866, Emily Ann Charles of Padney Farm, Wicken; started farming at Stretham and lived in farmhouse till 1873 when took farm Madingley, then Soham p5*

1922 02 10

Death David Gibbons, born Stretham, Ely bootmaker & repairer; youngest son late James Gibbons of Stretham – family trade connection leather trade for several generations, trained in Stretham with father, then to Northampton for three years; worked 2 years father then joined Blakeman, Ely. Started on own when Blakeman closed leather business. Wesleyan. Regularly skated Ely – Stretham ... details his children, John Hendrick, Frank & Lily Gibbons p5* (correction re Blakeman's business 17 Feb p4, 5)

1922 02 17

1922 02 24

Stretham Thory bankruptcy cont p9

Stretham charity trustees p10

1922 03 03

County Council elections Stretham candidates Fitch William Everitt, Wilburton fruit farmer, proposed Geo R. Driver, Sidney Smith p3

Stretham – T. Lawrence letter re motorists & rear light p7

Stretham – wedding Florence May Swan & Percy W. Routledge; Flo youngest daughter late Thomas Swan, tradesman; Percy 2nd son Rev A.R. Routledge. She trained as nurse 1912 and worked Northampton war hospital & Salisbury plain. Percy enlisted Suffolk Regiment Sept 1914, transferred Signal section Royal Engineers; active service 3 years. Now assessor and collector of taxes at Stretham & exceedingly popular p11*

Stretham cricket club annual meeting p12

Stretham death Frederick W. Gotobed, had served for time in war when contracted severe illness from which he never fully recovered. Widow & 3 children

1922 03 10

Ely rural water costs – Stretham £4,339.12.6 p7

1922 03 17

Stretham parish council elections p5

Stretham Ely RC election – Albert Brown, Pump Lane p7

Leonard George Asplin granted 25/- per week out of compensation death of father as unemployed p8

Stretham whist drive p12

1922 03 18

Stretham Curtis child killed by falling tree, p3

1922 03 20

Stretham Curtis inquest, p4

1922 03 24

Stretham ‘killed in mother’s arms, struck by falling tree’ – Mrs Curtis, wife Frederick, bootmaker, picked up child and ran under falling tree which scalped boy; she seriously injured; she went to collect water from where the massive tree being felled Wilburton Rd; tree fell opposite way to expected – caught by wind p11*

Soham death Ernest Johnson, carpenter & builder (funeral 31st p12) p12

1922 03 31

1922 04 07

1922 04 14

1922 04 21

Stretham – John Edward Ryder without bike lights – PC Saberton p3

Stretham whist drive p10

1922 04 28

Stretham – Arthur James Catchpole – bike without lights p3

Stretham whist drive; Hospital Sunday, football, vestry meeting - p10

1922 05 05

1922 05 12th

1922 05 19th

Stretham v Witcham cricket ES 1922 May 19 p11

1922 05 26th

Stretham hospital parade & address ES 1922 May 26 p9

1922 06 02

Stretham : sale "Further Farm" ES 1922 Jun 2 p2

cricket Stretham v Prickwillow ES 1922 Jun 2 p9

1922 06 09th

Stretham v Thetford cricket ES 1922 Jun 9 p8

1922 06 14

The "pros and cons" of a proposed joint water scheme were reviewed at a public inquiry convened by the Ministry of Health held at Ely. Mr H.J.Martin explained that for the most part the inhabitants of Littleport drank water from the River Ouse. Mr A.K. Campbell put in an analyst's report to the effect that water from the Ouse taken four miles south of Littleport was polluted with sewage and was unfit for drinking purposes. Mr T.Peake: "I would like to remind you that Ely City empties its sewage into the waters which Littleport has to drink; also that last year the rivers were absolutely unfit for drinking purposes - they were stagnant and putrid". A feature of the enquiry was the stout opposition put up by the parishes of Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham and Little Downham. A solitary supporter from Stretham explained that he did not attend a public meeting there - which was unanimous against the scheme - because had he done so he would probably have been "crucified"

1922 06 16

Ely rural water supply public inquiry, Stretham & others object ... Holland Porter, representing Stretham opposed scheme as it unnecessary. The natural supply was good & ample but the present method of obtaining distribution might be improved. Mr Savidge of Stretham who was deaf & unable to hear any of the evidence caused great amusement in his vigorous condemnation of the existing water supply and declared he was willing to pay anything to secure improved conditions. Half the population in the lower end of the village used one source of supply, and it was subject to contamination from the roads. Mr Savidge, who said he was a baker, urged that whenever it rained the water supply was muddy ... "I cannot drink it nor can I get other people to eat it". "I dare not go to the parish meeting for fear they crucified me, because everybody was against it. Everybody in Stretham would like good water but they don't want to pay for it" ES 1922 Jun 16 p7

1922 06 23rd

Stretham garden fete in vicarage grounds; not for many years such a function for church purposes - usually for charity - but organ repaired at considerable cost - stalls etc ES 1922 Jun 23 p4

1922 07 05

Stretham labourer dead, p10

1922 07 07

Stretham war memorial churchyard unveiled - photo - cost £100, 200 subscribers ES 1922 Jul 7 p5
c.62 [SB20 SN51 SN142 ES 7.7.1922] [cutt]

Stretham meeting re union of land workers ES 1922 Jul 7 p12

1922 07 14

Stretham v Coveney cricket ES 1922 Jul 14 p9

Stretham Methodist chapel garden fete at Grove House, Wesley sufficiently recovered to be there, Cynthia Acred presents bouquet Capt Coote ES 1922 Jul 14 p9

1922 07 14

Wesley club fete in grounds of Grove House by permission John Wesley J.P. ... organised by jt committee members & friends of the church ,, organised to raise funds for renovation Wesley chapel built 37 years ago – CIP

Obit Mrs Swann, widow late Thomas S, he sub-postmaster & in business as draper and general stores. Following death c15 years ago she carried on with sons Retired a year ago – CIP

1922 07 15

Stretham Wesley church fete, p3

1922 07 16

water supply objection scheme, Savidge cannot drink it nor get other people to eat it, don't want to pay ES 16.7.1922

1922 07 21

Stretham school v Chittering juniors cricket ES 1922 Jul 21 p10

Stretham : Mission Hall anniversary ES 1922 Jul 21 p12

Stretham : funeral Mrs Swan; since death husband about 10 years ago had carried business grocer & draper and until recently Postmistress ... well-known & respected ES 1922 Jul 21 p12

Stretham : WI flower show ES 1922 Jul 21 p12

1922 07 28th

1922 08 4th

Stretham v Wilburton cricket ES 1922 Aug 4 p9

1922 08 11th

Stretham cottage rent in arrears - as 13 Oct 1921, possession granted ES 1922 Aug 11 p5

1922 08 18th

1922 08 25th

Stretham lose to Coveney in cricket final ES 1922 Aug 18 p7

1922 09 ERDM

Frederick Oliver Sennitt passed away Aug 16th

1922 09 01

Stretham man in asylum – public indignation – Charles Albert Parnell, 21, son of butcher & farmer, certified insane by Dr Howe – people in tears when put in waiting motor to be taken Fulbourn; developed into vigorous protest & indignation. 20 letters & phone objections received. Certified sane after one week but could not be released till next visitors meeting. Stitt organised petition. Symptoms – fits of rage, stayed in bed all day, thought brothers preferred, attacked father with poke ... but no outside manifestations. Returned Stretham to stay with Hugh Searle. Boy said stayed in bed as father sold crops over his head and nothing for him to do. “If a man sent to Asylum because he got into a temper a large portion of population would be there” p5* [cutting]

1922 09 02

Stretham man sent mental hospital, p4

Stretham v Ely cricket p7

1922 09 08

Stretham lunacy case-letters in Daily telegraph p5

1922 09 15

Stretham sale live and dead stock F.G.Hazel p2

1922 09 22

1922 09 29

Stretham Further Farm sale stock p2

1922 10 06

Stretham Further Farm sale of implements p2

Stretham v Littleport football p8

Stretham WI lecture by Stitt on history p10 ES 6.10.1922

1922 10 13

1922 10 20

Stretham v Ely football p10

Stretham Baptist Mission Harvest Festival p12

1922 10 23

Stella Curtis tree accident, Stretham, p4

1922 10 27

Stretham tragedy of tree felling-Stella Curtis claimed damages for loss of her child when hit by a tree on 17 March. In order to supplement her husbands wages she did agric work and took in washing-husband a cripple. She did fruit picking, potato picking and pea pulling for which she got 30/- to £2 per week ES 27 Oct 1922 [cutt]

She was picking sticks and asked if it would be safe-workmen said yes then tree fell she rushed to try and get baby out of danger, it hit her and cut her head. Tree fellers not negligent and case dismissed p5 ES 24.3, ES 27.10.1922 [cut]

Stretham draper Francis Henry Granville Baylis claimed £2.13.9 from Dunhills for goods p5

Stretham Stitt lecture to WI reprinted p8

Stretham v Manea football p12

1922 11 03

1922 11 10

Stretham dance for church organ fund p12

Stretham v Witcham p12

1922 11 17

1922 11 24

Stretham councillor on Ely RDC, Albert Brown resigns p6

Stretham bankruptcy Albert Brown, Pump Lane, farmer; until 1911 had assisted his father but then farmed 43 acres on own account ES 29.12.1922 p12 [cutt]

Stretham whist drive aid cricket club p12

1922 12 01

Stretham years ago. With regard to his recent lecture on the history of Stretham, the Rector has received an interesting letter from Mr. Josiah Sennitt, now of Hull. Mr. Sennitt writes :—"I well remember the old church before the restoration in 1876. There was only one gallery, which was reached by a staircase from the belfry. Mr. Tom Driver was then the leader of the singing. . . I well remember the three-decker pulpit, and no doubt, as a boy, I have stood in each of them. Mr. David Parish was the clerk and also our schoolmaster (Mr. T.G. Parish's father). . . Although he was a strict schoolmaster, we liked him, and no schoolmaster was buried with greater regret than we showed at his funeral. The old church lives in my memory for two reasons. I used to go with my grandmother to the morning service on Sundays, and when standing on the seat I could just see over the top to the second deck, the minister in his white surplice. Then I saw him come down the aisle and past my pew into the Vestry for his black gown, then go to the top deck, where I could see him better. Another reason is that on Wednesday evenings in Lent my mother used to take me to the services, and on the Wednesday before Good Friday the Curate. Mr. Rainbird, who was afterwards Rector of Witcham, preached a sermon on the text St. Luke 22 and 44, "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly." The solemnity of the subject impressed my boyish mind very much. The old church clock had only one hand, the hour hand, and us boys could see it from the schoolroom window; we often thought the clock had stopped, it seemed so long between 11 and 12. I believe the last corpse that was buried in the old church was that of Mr Edward Grainge. My father made his coffin. The vault was in the centre of the Church. Just under the baptismal font. The front was removed and the vault opened to receive the coffin. I can just remember it. Since coming to Hull in 1872 and during the lifetime of my father and mother, I always spent my holiday at home, and on one occasion I remember when on holiday and through the kindness of the Parish Clerk, I had a look at the old marriage register and I found the marriage of my father and mother: 'David Sennitt and Martha Pratt, March 3rd 1847'. I have been really pleased to read your lecture and to write this letter recalling scenes and memories of more than half a century ago. Thanking you sincerely for your patience and research in compiling the records." ED 1.12.1922 p12 [cutt]

1922 12 08

Stretham RDC by -election candidates Frederick Granger Hazel, poultry farmer , John Wm Merryweather of Ely, labourer, Harry Norman, Elford Farm p7

1922 12 15

Stretham v Prickwillow football p11

Stretham omnibus owner fined- Jabez Parnell summoned for driving omnibus without licence in King Street Cambridge had been told to use Drummer Street. Licence had expired p12

1922 12 21

Albert Brown of Stretham bankrupt, p3

1922 12 22

Stretham by-election little interest, Harry Norman was easy victor p7

1922 12 22 WS

Isle Lower junior cup - S v March Swifts, lost 0-1 22 Dec p3 WS

1922 12 28

Curtis, Stretham, tree accident trial, p3

1922 12 29

Stretham stock club 'failed to pay benefit for lame horse'-Arthur Sennitt claimed £9.3.7 from Chas Crampton Parnell-counter claimed for £13.10. Parnell bought horse for 60 gns and was accepted Stretham stock club at value of £20. Since then horse examined and value reduced to £18. On death of owner entitled to 3/4 of valuation. Value reduced in 1921 because of 'greasy leg' but recovered.

Agreed by committee to slaughter but persuaded it could work on fen farm.... Eventually slaughtered for £2.... Parnell acted in contravention of committee and excluded from benefit p3
Stretham bankruptcy Albert Brown deficiency of £313.14.2; Aged 37 started farming 43 acres at Stretham in 1911 two bad seasons and want of capital p5
Stretham v Ely football GE p8
Stretham whist drive p10

1922 12 29 WS

Isle Lower junior league – Stretham Hotspur v Ely United, won 2-0 29 Dec p8 WS

-o-o- 1923 -o-o-

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1923 Social club opened Black Hut, till war [SN21]; Minutes – [SB14]

1923 Railway siding Stretham fen, new signal box [SN133]

1923 01 05 ES

Football

Dance

Charity gifts

23 01 05a

1923 01 12 ES

Stretham: WI 23 01 12

1923 01 19 ES

Stretham: Depression in agriculture – Ely meeting, W.I. 23 01 19b

1923 02 02 ES

Stretham football team, photo; names A. Wright, C. Townsend, F. Quincey, Baxter, L. Routledge, W. Lythell, R.A.J. Sadler, G. Cook, S. Stanley, J.W. Sadler, A. Crow 23 02 02a

1923 02 09 ES

Stretham: St Dunstan's whist drive; Football Club whist drive 23 02 09

1923 02 16 ES

Stretham: whist drive and dance, St Dunstan's 23 02 16a

1923 02 20

Stretham accident, p3

1923 03 09 ES

Stretham W.I. 23 03 09

1923 04 03

Stella Curtis, Stretham appeal, p3

1923 04 06 ES

Stretham appeal case; county court judgement upheld. Appeal by Stella Curtis, wife of Fred, bootmaker, on claim for personal injuries by falling of tree. She a fruit picker and agricultural worker. On 17 March 1922 was on field property Charles Murfitt of Stretham. Chapman & Co, timber merchants, felled tree in adjoining field which struck and knocked her down, killing her child whom she was carrying and causing her serious injuries. Claimed damages £100. But she, instead of running away from danger, had ran into it. 23 04 06

Stretham Mission Hall 23 04 06a

1923 04 20 ES

Stretham W.I. 23 04 20

1923 05 18 ES

Ely resident discovered unconscious near Stretham. Harold Bickley motor cycling near Quarter Way

When fell off; found in ditch 23 05 18

Death Elizabeth Ann Wesley, wife of John Wesley of Grove House ... a prominent social and public organiser ... W.I. owes much of its success ... took active part information. Mourners listed 23 05 18a

1923 05 25

Stretham feast, p3

1923 05 25 ES

Stretham Hospital Parade ... 27th ... procession much larger than 1922 formed near Mission Hall corner and paraded ... decorated lorry ... open air service Recreation ground ... 28 persons from Stretham had been treated at Addenbrooke's Hospital which dealing with newly discovered remedies - details... Stretham had collected eggs 23 05 25a, b

1923 06 01 ES

Hospital parade result – names collectors; parade committee formed in 1897 and Mr A. Clarke, who was the first secretary and is now 80 years of age, again this year marched the whole route of the procession 23 06 01

1923 06 08 ES

Wesleyan chapel – anniversary

W.I. met at Denny Abbey 23 06 08

1923 06 15 ES

Stretham Baptist Missional Hall anniversary 23 06 15

Death Mrs Annie Driver, wife Henry ... many years headmistress of Infants' School 23 06 15

1923 06 22 ES

Stretham Garden Fete on Rectory lawn ... stall-holders listed ... MP unable to be present ... Mr Swan's talented concert party, fortune teller, fancy-dress, Alan Savidge wireless concerts – photo of opening ceremony 23 06 22, 22a

1923 06 29 ES

Garden fete result

Late Mr J. Chapman. Wilburton Road ... 78, born Wilburton; coal merchant and small holder 23 06 29

1923 07 16

Stretham death Joseph Blinch, 69, though heat, p4

1923 08 10 ES

W.I.

1923 08 17

Clement Driver, Stretham, p3

1923 08 17 ES

Charles Driver's reminiscences & portrait

How many men in England can claim to have sung in a village choir at nearly 9,000 services! Few -, if any, we should imagine, and until we are convinced otherwise, shall regard Mr. Charles Driver, of Stretham, as the record holder in this direction.

Mr. Driver was born in Stretham 86 years ago, and at the age of six entered the choir at Stretham Church. These were the days when such a luxury as an organ was out of the question and the choir had to supply all the harmony, being given the pitch by a pipe blown before the hymns or chants, by one of the choir members. The singers then bravely entered into their task and the "pitch-giver" was never sufficiently rash to sound the pipe at the conclusion of the music, every performance was naturally without flaw or blemish so far as the sustaining of pitch was concerned.

Later on, however Stretham church advanced with times and a harmonium one Sunday morning appeared, and pleased the critical eye and acute musical ear of the congregation. Thenceforward the choir had an excellent lead, much to the advantage no doubt of everyone concerned.

A representative of the "Ely Standard" recently visited Stretham's "grand old man of song", Mr. Driver, at his residence, a pretty old world cottage which has been his only home, and the house in which his forefathers resided over a period of nearly 250

Mr. Driver carries "life's burden of years" in remarkable fashion, still retaining an excellent ear for music and a keen eye, and the passage of time, while it has produced a few deep wrinkles on his cherry countenance has certainly not impaired any of his mental faculties.

Mr. Driver was asked how many times he has sung in the choir and his answer was only arrived at on the part of the interviewer after a little mathematical calculation; the data for which was supplied by the sentence "Eighty years each of 52 weeks, two services a day, Good Fridays and Christmas Days"

As Mr. Driver has missed only about two services during those eighty years, the number of times he's rolled forth the bass in anthems, hymns and choruses in Stretham church choir works out at about 8,000 ...

Mr. Driver gives as the reason for his long-life "moderation." This of course, does not apply to his. "Good food, a smoke, and a glass of beer "is the reflex of his mode

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Driver, and his good wife, who has been his faithful and splendid help-ease during his long married life, and wish them both continued happiness during the remaining evening of their lives ES 17.8.1923 [cutt] 23 08 17a, b

1923 08 23

Stretham's veteran carrier. Has Driven Carrier's Cart for 64 Years on Ely Road.

Mr. Edward Lowe, of Ivy Cottage, Stretham, near Ely, is shortly to celebrate his 65th year as a carrier. He is 78 years of age, and, despite the fact that he has regularly driven his carrier's cart from Stretham to Ely and other places for that period in all weathers, is still healthy and hearty.

Four and sixty years ago Mr. Lowe harnessed his first horse to his first conveyance—a tumble cart. For 19 years his horse, named "Lighthouse" served him truly and well. Another horse, named "Short," took her place on her demise, and lived for 16 years, while "Polly" her successor was driven by Mr. Lowe until she was 15. With the passing of the tumble Mr. Lowe purchased a spring cart, and it is remarkable that in his 64 years as carrier he has only had three conveyances. His present one, with the exception of the wheels, is nearly 50 years old, but apparently is as strong as the day it was made.

Mr. Lowe as a boy can remember the stage coaches which used to stop at the Red Lion Hotel. He has had many interesting experiences during his carrying career, and some amusing ones as well. In the days when cricketers wore top hats, Mr. Lowe's Saturday afternoon occupation was to drive the Stretham scorer and a bell tent to the various cricket grounds in the district. Whether he conveyed the top hats also is not recorded

On one occasion he was driving a party of 13 people from Ely Market to Stretham when the back band of the harness broke. The whole of the occupants of the cart were pitched out on the roadway, but, with the exception of a few minor scratches, no one was hurt. One old man however would insist that he was dead. "I'm dead. I'm dead", he groaned and nothing would alter his opinion. "Are you certain you're dead" asked his wife. "Yes certain" was the reply. "Then lie quiet," was the wife's comforting response.

Mr. Lowe's father was born in 1854, the year in which the Battle of Trafalgar was fought, and ten years before the Battle of Waterloo. There was a practical joker who used to ride in Mr Lowe's cart in the early days of his carrying business. He was always in the habit of shouting to any passing vehicle "Hi! Your horse had not got all his shoes on in front", Down would come the driver to inspect the animal and reply. "He has." "No, no he isn't." would retort the practical joker, "two of them are on his hind hoofs!"

Mr. Lowe has come to Ely markets through cuttings of snowdrifts several feet high, has driven through thunderstorms and torrential rains, but the weather has never troubled him, and his health has been excellent. He has never seen the sea, but says he "knows London well" CDN 23.8.1923 [cutt]

1923 08 24a

Stretham's veteran carrier ... Mr Lowe's 64 years on the road 23 08 24a (photo 23 02 31)

Football Club agm 23 08 24b

1923 10 05 ES

WI

1923 10 19 ES

Presentation of medals, Cricket Club 23 10 19

1923 12 07 ES

Liberal meeting, Labour meeting, WI 23 12 07

1923 12 07 WS

Opponent's policies 'fallacious' - further meetings at S, Wilburton & Witchford when chief speaker was candidate 7 Dec p11 WS

1923 12 14 ES

Stretham

Death Susan, wife John Sennitt

Whist drive 23 12 14a

1923 12 14 WS

Stretham Hotspurs v Chatteris town reserves - won 2-1 14- Dec p10 WS

-o-o- 1924 -o-o-

1924 Stretham Engine – Mirrlees diesel purchased & since then steam engine little used [SB47]; ran 1925 [SB50]

1924 01 11 WS

Stretham man missing - mysterious disappearance of Isaac Morfitt, last seen on Ely station, was in usual health & going to March when went missing on Ely station platform 11 Jan p2 WS

1924 02 09

As a motor lorry, owned by Mr Parnell of Stretham and laden with 500 cans of petrol was approaching the Milton railway level crossing at a very slow speed the driver found the gates were closed to allow trains to pass. He applied his brakes, but they would not act and the lorry, which carried a very heavy load, smashed through the nearest gate, and stopped with the back part blocking the line. A coal train was approaching from Histon and a light engine from Chesterton Junction and quick action was necessary to avoid a serious accident. Gatekeeper Ernest Carter seized some fog signals and was able to stop the coal train and similar action taken by Patrol-Leader F.B. Pearson. The line was blocked for over an hour by which time the lorry was, after a small repair, able to proceed on the journey.

1924 04 16

death Harold Reginald Stanley, builder & carpenter, found shot with gun by his side CDN
14.6.1924 [cutt]

1924 05 21

Stretham feast parade, p3

1924 06 14

Stretham – Stanley builder shot, suicide, p5

1924 06 18

Stretham garden fete, p5

1924 10 02

When workmen arrived at a pair of council houses in the course of erection on Cambridge road, Lt Thetford, they found there had been intruders during the night who had helped themselves pretty freely to what they could find. Tools belonging to Mr Robert Rayner of Stretham and Mr Cornwell of Ely were missing. A considerable amount of timber, asbestos sheeting and other materials had been removed and a new door displaced from its hinges and taken also.

1924 11 20

Stretham school managers protest, p5

1924 11 21 WS

Bridge finance - a grant of £130 made towards the additional cost of approx £200 21 Nov p7 WS

1924 12 05 WS

Isle lower junior league – Stretham v Haddenham - won 2-0 5 Dec p10 WS

-o-o- 1925 -o-o-

1925 02 12

inquest Ernest Howard, (5) Barnardo's boy boarded out at Walter Porter of Rose Cottage. Knocked down by car. John William Sadler described accident at Elwood's Corner [cutt]

1925 03 14

John Wesley, Stretham death, p7

1925 03 20

death John Wesley, one of most respected inhabitants, engineer, WS 20.3.1925 [SN67] [EWS]

1925 03 20 WS

Death of John Wesley – b.1853 had an engineering business, was also JP & chairman of Trustees
20 Mar p5

1925 03 20

Funeral John Wesley, Stretham, p8

1925 05 01

Thomas Parnell (79) dies after brother, Rev Jabez. Parnell's funeral (Baptist Minister); was born at Toll House, Ferry, moved to Yorkshire and returned as coal merchant [cutt]

1925 05 19

Stretham feast week, p5

1925 05 20

Stretham annual feast was in progress when an 11-year-old boy ran from behind a stall and attempted to cross the road. At the same time a large motor van was passing and before any warning could be given the boy slipped under the wheels, which passed over his body. Dr Howe was sent for immediately and the boy, under the care of P.C. Waghorn, was removed in an ambulance to Addenbrooke's Hospital where he lies in an extremely critical condition

1925 06 25

Garden fete in aid of church repairs, Vicarage ; stalls [cutt]

1925 07 10

Ferry Bridge weight testing ES 10.7.1925 Ferry bridge weight, July [SN15] pics & names – [SB34p10] [WS]

... replaces the existing narrow bridge which was an enormous danger to road-users because of its narrowness and sharp rise which made it impossible to observe anything approaching from the opposite direction. New tested under direction of the County Surveyor and ferro-concrete engineers. Deflectometers having been placed in various points under the arch four traction engines, total 80 tons, belonging to Mr Sydney Smith of Stretham were driven two abreast ... stability of bridge beyond question. Old bridge picturesque ness marred by the necessity of carrying out repairs with patches of different natured brickwork. New in ferro concrete, span of 60 ft, width 29 ft ... 500 tons of concrete used in foundations, 150 tons & 12 tons of steel for which centring in form of timber bridge on piles had to be erected. Monchel & Partners responsible for concrete carried out by County Surveyor. No particular difficulties in erecting bridge except in forming the new embankment over very marshy ground. Here, owing to proximity of deep gault pits, a long stretch of sheet piling had to be driven. Frequent floods and constant wet weather during the winter and early spring caused work to be very much delayed. The demolition of the old bridge will be commenced immediately the new one is opened and the materials used in making up some un-metalled drove ES 10.7.1925 [cutt]

1925 07 24

new Stretham ferry bridge: photo of workmen with flags flying' also picture of the old bridge which is to be demolished – ES 24 Jul 1925

1925 07 25

Another great improvement has been carried out over the Old West River at Stretham Ferry. This is a great boon to motorists for the structure takes the place of one of those old, narrow, hump-backed, awkward bridges which are veritable death-traps in these days of rapid road travel. The new bridge is at an easier angle, provides room for two vehicles to pass each other and affords a fair amount of

visibility of approaching traffic. It should tend greatly to diminish the danger of a spot which has long been a bug bear to travellers on the Ely road.

1925 09 18

water scheme agreed ES 18.9.1925

-o-o- 1926 & Ely Standard-o-o-

1926 improvement to road near church gate [SB41]

1926 Parnell bus sale to Eastern Counties [SN170]

1926 Manor bought by Sir Fred Hiam [SN155]

1926 sale executors T.G. Parish [SN149]

1926 01 01 WS

Building site - one acre at Ely road to be sold for £100 1 Jan p8 WS

1926 01 01 ES

Water supply scheme extension to Haddenham, Wilburton, Thetford & Stretham; main will continue direct through Stretham where it will turn north at the Mission Hall and follow Front Street and High Street past the church to the windmill at the crest of the hill where it will diminish to 3in diameter; the whole village will be controlled by suitable valves, and hydrants could be fixed at convenient distances. It will then follow the main Ely Road -26 01 01 & (2) ES

1926 01 15 ES

Stretham:

football - 26 01 15(3) ES

1926 01 22 ES

Stretham:

Football - 26 01 22(4) ES

1926 01 29

Stretham Manor estate purchased, p3

1926 01 29 ES

Stretham Manor Estate purchased by Fred Hiam - 26 01 29(4) ES

Football - 26 01 29(5) ES

1926 02 04

Captain H.W. Willis ... sells Stretham Manor and fen lands in Littleport & Bottisham to Sir Frederick Hiam. The estate has been in the possession of the vendor's family for centuries - Times 4 Feb 1926 [scan]

1926 02 05 ES

Stretham:

Social club annual meeting - very successful - 26 02 05(2)&(3) ES

1926 02 12 ES

Stretham:

Football

W.I. annual party

Social club officers elected - 25 02 12 ES

1926 02 19 ES

Stretham:

Isaac Asplin retires as postman; b. 1853, joined army and served in Afghan war; letter-carrier Mr T. Swan, then postman for 24 years. In 1910 he climbed up steeple of church – 26 02 19(2) ES

Sir H. Lucas-Tooth at Stretham school; concert with A.J. Larkin giving comic songs – 26 02 19 ES

1926 02 26 ES

Stretham:

Football

Wedding Harold Ellwood and Edith Reeve, daughter landlord of The Crown' – 26 02 26(2) ES

1926 03 05 ES

Stretham:

W.I. – 26 03 05(2) ES

1926 03 12 ES

Stretham:

Alarming accident – Fiat car overturns – 26 03 12(5) ES

1926 03 19 ES

Stretham: football – 26 03 19(3) ES

1926 03 22

Stretham & Mepal football, p5

1926 03 26 ES

Stretham

Football semi-final – V. Scarrow, F. Langford, A. Sadler, J. Cross, W. Lythell, A. Driver, J.W. Sadler, G. Cook, E. Dimmock, S. Scarrow, C. Sadler, G. Lock 26 03 26(5) ES

Football club claim 2/6 for marking out ground but Mepal did not appear – 26 03 26 ES

1926 04 02 ES

Stretham:

Addenbrooke's Hospital collection

Saturday football – 26 04 02(6) ES

1926 04 09

Stretham:

Football, hope for cup – 26 04 09(2) ES

1926 04 16 ES

Stretham:

Co-op Society concert in schoolroom

Motor accident near Ferry Bridge

Stretham Hotspurs win Chatteris Lower Junior Cup – 26 04 16(3) ES

1926 04 23 ES

Stretham: W.I. Group Conference – 26 04 23(4) ES

1926 04 28

Charles Wright, Stretham dies, p3

1926 04 30 WS

Charles Wright passed away at his residence, Orchard House, aged 74. Had been ill a month. Born in Stretham was a son of the late Charles Wright and in addition to being the largest landowner in the village, he at one time farmed over 1,000 acres. He was noted as a man who fed the best beasts

and his death has not only robbed Stretham of a valuable resident but farming of an expert. Mr Wright, who did not marry, was of a retiring disposition. He never sought the limelight of public work and apart from being a Commissioner of the Waterbeach Level of which he was Chairman for several years, did not identify himself with any other offices except the Stretham Charity Trustees of which he was chairman at one time, and a Trustee of the Baptist Chapel to which he was a valued friend and the moving spirit behind it. In his younger days he played cricket for Stretham and was one of the foremost players; on one occasion he figured in the County team at Cambridge. Details of funeral – see scan ES 30 Apr1926

1926 04 30 ES

Charles Wright, of Orchard House, Stretham farmer obituary – 26 04 30 ES – photo – 26 04 30(3) ES

Stretham: cricket – 26 04 30(4) ES

1926 05 07 ES

A Stretham smash; Chittering woman injured while cycling; hit by motorcycle – 26 05 07 ES

1926 05 18

Messrs Bidwell were to have offered the Anglesey Abbey estate for sale by auction but have announced they have been successful in selling it privately. We understand the purchaser is Captain H. R. Broughton. It was actually sold during the General Strike and now that the prospects for the country are so much brighter and confidence restored there is a pronounced revival in a general investment in land. At Haddenham 18 acres of accommodation land were sold to Mr J.C. Parnell of Stretham for £650.

1926 05 20

Stretham annual feast was in progress when an 11-year-old boy ran from behind a stall and attempted to cross the road. At the same time a large motor van was passing and before any warning could be given the boy slipped under the wheels, which passed over his body. Dr Howe was sent for immediately and the boy, under the care of P.C. Waghorn, was removed in an ambulance to Addenbrooke's Hospital where he lies in an extremely critical condition

Stretham Hospital Sunday, Charles Wright gives £1,000, p6 26 05 20

1926 05 21 ES

Shocking accident at Stretham: Horace Howard, 11, son of George Howard of Braham Cottages hit in street by Vulcan goods van when ran from behind stalls at Feast – 26 05 21(3) ES

Stretham Hospital Sunday parade, Haddenham and Ely L.N.E.R. bands, Maypole and Hospital vans with cot and nurse; motor car lent by Mr Bayliss and H. Driver lent the cart – 26 05 21(6) ES

1926 05 28 ES

Stretham:

Hospital collection – 26 05 28 ES

1926 06 04

Stretham:

Cricket

Wesleyan Chapel unveiling picture in memory of William Taylor

Death Mrs Eliza Bent, 68, wife of Richard – 26 06 04(4)(5) ES

1926 06 11 ES

Stretham Wesleyan Chapel renovated – 'costly but not showy'; built in July 1885 and until recently never renovated; redecorated by Routledge Bros, cream, carpets; special service – 26 06 11(2)

Stretham successful fete, Rectory; three-mile marathon race; names stallholders; sports – 26 06 11(2)

1926 06 25 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Motor cycle accident – 26 06 25(2) ES

Stretham choir, first-prize winners in competition for small choirs – photo – 26 06 25(3) ES

1926 07 ERDM

... hope to be able to report that the improvement to the road by the churchyard gate will have become an accomplished fact

1926 07 09 ES

Stretham:

Cricket – 26 07 09(2) ES

1926 07 14

Charles Wright of Elford Closes, Stretham, leaves £67,229, Sarah Wright, Orchard House, executor, p5

1926 07 16 ES

Charles Wright, Stretham farmer of Elford Closes, left £67,229; sister Sarah Wright of Orchard House exec. 26 07 16(2) ES

Stretham:

Big bream caught by Sheffield fisherman

Death Bertha Bridgman, wife schoolmaster 26 07 16(3) ES

1926 07 22

The County Architect reported that a proper set for the foundation piles at Dimock's Cote Bridge on the Stretham to Wicken road was not obtainable at the depth of 40 feet provided in the contract, but by continuous driving a set was obtained at 65 feet. If the whole of the 38 piles had to be driven to this depth the additional cost would be about £2,500. By driving the piles intermittently there was every reason to believe a set could be obtained at a less depth with many of the piles and the cost would be proportionately reduced.

1926 07 22

The story of how a young Wicken labourer met his death through the sudden discharge of a double-barrelled sporting gun whilst conversing with a civil engineer at the new bridge being erected over the River Cam between Wicken and Stretham was told to the Cambridge coroner. He had told his mother "I think I'll go and have a shoot" on the land of Mr A. Hall who had told him anytime he wanted a couple of rabbits he could have them. The gun was an old type that he had bought off a pal. A surgeon said it was a very difficult case to handle, miles from anywhere; only if medical assistance had been at hand within a few seconds would the case not have been beyond recovery. A verdict of accidental death was recorded

1926 07 23 ES

Stretham:

Mothers' Union outing

Boy hit by cricket ball

J.H. Sadler driving motor cycle near Tunnel corner when boy came round bend on bicycle; ran into ditch, broke number plate – 26 07 23(6)

1926 08 06 ES

Stretham:

Wedding Emily Gotobed of Plantation Gate and Charles Fonge – 26 08 06(3) ES

1926 08 13 ES

Stretham: chapel Sunday schools outing to Hunstanton

Henry John Oates, Ely Road, knocked off bike – 26 08 13(2) ES

Stretham football club, F. Hiam asked to be President – 28 08 13 ES

1926 09 17 ES

Stretham:

Excursion Yarmouth races

Harvest almost finished – 26 09 17(2) ES

1926 09 24 ES

Stretham

Property sale, brick-built farmhouse with outbuildings in Main Street bought by B. Parish; two clunch-built and thatched cottages with boarded and iron lodge adjoining Main Street sold D. Parish as pair brick-built cottages Pond Street. Berry Green garden land, pasture and land Grunty Fen – 26 09 24(3) ES

1926 10 01 ES

Stretham:

Football

Funeral Mrs David Morden, 70 – 26 10 01(4) ES

1926 10 08 ES

Stretham:

W.I. - Stitt speaks on Zeebrugge where he recently spend holiday – 26 10 08(2) ES

1926 10 15 ES

Stretham: Leach grows strawberries

Football

Parish Council – increase grave-digging charges – 26 10 15(3) ES

1926 10 18

Stretham Red Lion inquest, p3

1926 10 22 ES

Stretham: football

Conservative Association concert – 26 10 22(2) ES

1926 11 19 ES

Mr & Mrs George Richardson of Top Street Stretham celebrate golden wedding. Wife Eleanor only child late John Savage, born in the snug little house she now occupies; has piece of wedding cake. Mr Richardson sign writer; has done Stretham, Sutton and Wilburton clock faces. Changes in sign writing. Wesleyan local preacher 26 11 19ES & (2) – photo

1926 12 03 ES

Stretham:

Whist drive – 26 12 03 ES

1926 12 10 ES

Stretham

Accidents – five motorists come to grief at Mission Hall corner

Church clock stopped during weekend, pendulum sent away for repair

W.I. annual meeting

W.T. Rayner driving car down Grunty Fen Road when steering-rod snapped; ran into dyke and he deposited on the hedge. Escaped without serious injury. The front of the car damaged

1926 12 24 ES

Stretham

Musical success – Gypsy Gautrey and Leonard Driver pass piano exam, pupils of W.L. Swan – 26 12 24(2) ES

1926 12 31 ES

Stretham

Quiet Christmas – only amusement football match v Wilburton

Christmas Day communion

Accident H.W. Cutbush, motorcycle skidded near Stretham – 26 12 31 ES

-o-o- 1927 –& Ely Standard -o-o-

1927 purchase recreation Ground from Hiam £500 [SN133]

1927 village agog with Lancashire folk, Sep 16 [SN65]

1927 disastrous fire, 6 stacks destroyed at Mr Bagel's Further Fen farm, fen, Oct 14 [SN65]

1927 Walter Sadler molecatcher – testimonials [SB10]

1927 flu epidemic [SB41]

1927

wedding Edith Fletcher, death of James Gifford, lived in village all his life

1927 01 ERDM

Jan ... parochial church council formed at Thetford ... this has been a very trying year in more ways than one

1927 01 05

The Old West River at Stretham Bridge was brimming over by mid-day. Several of the cottages near the bridge had been invaded by the water which was lapping each side of the road & trickling over the top of the banks in one or two places. The water on the west side of the road was above the level of the roadway and was only held back by the low bank at the side of the road, through which it was forcing its way in thin trickles. A gang of men was busy stopping the leaks with gault but in one or two places a few inches of water lay partly across the road.

1927 01 07 ES

Stretham:

Schools reopen

Church wall improvements to make road wider; when complete will be a great boon to motorists who have long regarded this as a very dangerous bend

W.I. lecture on 'Communism' - 27 01 07(2) ES

1927 01 21

Death of Edward Lowe, at his little cottage Berry green where he had resided 28 years; born at Stretham 81? Years ago, for 65 years he had carried on business as a carrier to and from Ely having started at the age of 15. Regular attender at Baptist chapel and oldest member having been there

since age of 2 years. Leaves 2 sons 2 daughters, wife died 12 years ago. Member of Ancient Order of Shepherds for 60 years ES 21.1.1927, 27 01 21(3) ES [SB41

1927 01 21 ES

Stretham:

W.I. annual meeting

Epidemic of influenza, Infants' School closed

New Year party, W.I.

1927 02 ERDM

... influenza epidemic ... everybody in bed ... miss Ted Lowe, the old carrier who after nearly 60 years on the road reached the end of his last journey, together with his horse

1927 02 04 ES

Stretham:

Death Rebecca Hazel, widow Charles Langford Hazel, Berry Green Farm – 27 02 04 ES

1927 02 11 ES

Stretham:

W.I. lecture on London

Billiards handicap – H. Wolfe wins Mond cup

W.I. affairs – 27 02 11(4) ES

‘All highly polluted’ ... Haddenham’s public wells ... opposition from Stretham – 27 02 11 ES

1927 02 17

Grange Farm, Grunty Fen, Stretham sale, p2

1927 02 18 ES

Roads to cost still more ... New road at Stretham: connecting the road from Wilburton to Stretham with Cambridge Road; to take over as main road provided it 60 feet wide; Ministry to make 50% grant – 27 02 18 & (2) ES

Stretham:

W.I. concert

Parish meeting discuss council buying cricket field from Sir Fred Hiam for £500 – had first offered it for £600 ... a loan would be necessary – agreed

Death Mrs Elizabeth Gillett, 59, widow Isaac Gillett – 27 02 18(3) ES

1927 02 19

Ely Rural District Council have offered the County Council part of a field in the parish of Stretham if they are prepared to construct a new road across it connecting the road from Wilburton to Stretham with the Cambridge Road. It would be a main road, 60 feet wide and the Ministry of Transport would make a grant of 50%. The Surveyor said there had been an alarming increase in road traffic during the winter months with a consequent increase of damage to the roads.

1927 02 25 ES

Stretham: Accident George Dimock – fell from bicycle

Parish council re recreation ground purchase

Social Club annual meeting – 27 02 25(3) ES

1927 03 ERDM

... hope long drawn out repairs to rectory will have been completed

1927 03 04 ES

Stretham:

W.I. – 27 03 04 & (2) ES

1927 04 01 ES

Stretham:

Football

Church wall widening and improvement is now complete and thus a dangerous corner has been disposed of. Motorists have always found this a trying bend to negotiate and more than one has come to grief here.

Addenbrooke's Hospital collection - 27 04 01 ES

1927 04 08 ES

Stretham:

Football

Presentation to Miss K. Wright of silver cake dish from Stretham County Council School where she has been a teacher for eight years. Now marrying

Whist drive in aid Cricket Club

W.I. – 27 04 08 ES

1927 04 12

Cambridge road corner recently altered, 'new by-pass road under construction'; widening of church wall now complete & dangerous corner disposed of. Motorists found it a trying bend to negotiate & more than one came to grief there; rectory and churchyard wall set back ES 12.4.1927 [SN133 SN178]

1927 04 15

death took place at her residence, Brook House, of Mrs Walker in her 83 rd year. She was the widow of the late J.W. Walker of Essenden, Herts and the youngest daughter of the late Edward Dimock. She left the village on her marriage 60 years ago but returned to spend the closing years of her life here. She leaves 4 sons & 3 daughters 27 04 15(3) ES

1927 07 01

Stretham garden fete, p5

1927 04 22 ES

Stretham:

Annual parish meeting

Wedding Kathleen Wright and Cyril Steel of Haddenham – 27 04 22(2); photo 27 04 22(4)r ES

Stretham W.I. Group conference meet at Haddenham – 27 04 22(3) ES

1927 05 06 ES

Stretham:

W.I.

Cricket club – 27 05 06(2) ES

1927 05 20 ES

Stretham Hospital Parade – account & photos from Rectory Wall in High Street – 27 05 20 & (2) ES

1927 05 27 ES

Stretham:

Hospital parade raised £36 – a record contribution; whist drive for Addenbrooke's Hospital

Death of Harry Hazel, Tiled House Farm – 27 05 27(5) ES

1927 06 03 ES

Stretham:
Cricket

1927 06 24 ES

Stretham sports; splendid Marathon race to Thetford; names stalls etc – 27 06 17 ES

1927 07 08 ES

Stretham: Vicar Stitt holidaying in Belgium – 27 07 08 ES

1927 08 ERDM

... condition of the spire is causing us much anxiety; we were unable to use the church for two Sundays but now the danger of a fall of stone has been removed so we are carrying on ... great expense

1927 08 03

Stretham band, p5

1927 08 05 ES

Stretham school relay team win second prize – Charlie Sadler, Arthur Wilson & Sid Brown – 27 08 05(2) ES

1927 08 15 ES

Stretham:

Funeral Hannah Sindall

Accident: Harry Norman of Elford Farm hit by car while cycling

W.I. annual Flower Show on Rectory Lawn, tennis tournament – names – 27 07 15(3) ES

1927 08 19 ES

Wedding John Stone, Stretham and Mabel Harley of Chittering Farm – 27 08 29 ES

1927 08 26 ES

Stretham:

Accident between motor cycle driven and owned by Thomas Collings of Cambridge Road and a motor van driven by Mr Collins, general storekeeper of High Street; both proceeding from Ely and collided near Council Houses – 27 08 26(2) & (3) ES

1927 09 02 ES

Stretham:

Football

Excursions – 65 residents on rail trip to Yarmouth

Cricket: play Swaffham Prior on Parker's Piece

Car accident: London family' as car rounded the corner where the new road is being made at Stretham it cross the dyke and crashed into the hedge. The force of the impact was such that the boy was thrown from the car, over the windscreen and landed in the field, none the worse apart from a few scratches. The remainder of the passers and the driver escaped unhurt but the off front wheel and one of the head lamps of the car were badly damaged. Mr Cass proceeded to the scene with his breakdown tackle and brought the car to Ely for repairs – 27 09 02 ES

1927 09 16

Stretham:

Cricket success – unique distinction of being the proud holders of two cups – the Chatteris Lower Junior Football Cup and the Milton and District Cricket League Cup

Excursion by railway to Skegness

Football – 27 09 16 ES

1927 09 30 ES

Stretham:

Funeral Mrs Mary Ann Jackson, 83, wife of Joseph

Interesting wedding of Percy Bridgeman to Evelyn Wright, daughter A.C. Wright. She taught in school, he employed at Ely RDC offices.

Whist drive in aid Cricket Club; presentation to P.c. B. Saberton who shortly leaving – 27 09 30(2) ES

Stretham: cricket team winners Milton League cup – photo and names – 27 09 30 ES

1927 10 07 ES

Stretham:

Football

James Baxter lucky escape, hit by motor cycle when walking Ely Road

W.I.

Harvest festival – 27 10 07 ES

1927 10 08

A fire broke out in the stackyard at Further Farm, Stretham fen and eight were totally destroyed. The alarm was given to Ely Fire Brigade at the nearest telephone, which was in Mr J.C. Parnell's house about two miles distant. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the fire engine to the farm owing to the condition of the drove, but with the help of three horses from the farm this was accomplished. Mr F. Oakey drove from Ely in his motor and arrived before the firemen. He dashed into the flames and drove out a practically red hot tractor from between the blazing stacks into a place of safety. Luckily a good supply of water was available from the dykes which had been filled by opening the dam at Morton's Farm. 1927 Oct 8 CDN

1927 10 11

The Ely coroner sat for four hours at the Red Lion, Stretham to inquire into the death of two men who met with a tragic end whilst motor cycling to their homes. The constable at Wilburton said he had received complaints respecting a motor lorry stationary on the Wilburton Road. He made an examination of the rear lamp, which was not alight so he obtained some oil and lit the lamp. Mr Warren later asked for permission to go and put some lights on it. Dr Charles Howe of Haddenham said he received a telephone message that two men had run into a stationary lorry and found the bodies lying on the grass beside the road. CDN 11th October 1927

1927 10 14 ES

Wilburton double fatality – Alfred Alsop and George Gillett hit unlit stationary motor lorry with their motorbike on Wilburton Road; inquest at Red Lion – 27 10 14(2)(3)(4)(5) ES; photo 27 10 14(8)

Stretham fire six ricks of hay and corn, Mr Bagel's Further Farm' 15 hour battle. Discovered by Mrs Constable, wife of farm foreman. Approach extremely difficult to negotiate. Motor able to draw engine to a point near the new bridge and from here had to be drawn along a rough drove by horses. Fred Oakey of King William IV pub Ely saved a tractor which almost red hot. Unoccupied cottage. Pigs driven from sties. By end was two feet of water in the yard and a gulley had to be cut to allow it to flow into a dyke – 27 10 14 ES photo – 27 10 14(6) ES

Stretham:

Police changes: P.c. Saberton replaced by P.c. Roythorne from Whittlesey

Monster pike caught Engine drain

Football – lost 5-1 to Wilburton

Mothers' Union

Harvest Festival

New bridges: the two bridges under construction are now nearing completion. The one over the River Ouse is practically finished with the exception of making up the approaches. That over Cam not quite so forward

Claude Sadler accident: had caught his pony in field in Berry Green when it bolted. He was thrown heavily and trodden on

Children's Home and Orphanage collection by Henry Acred

Wedding A.C. Coatman of Eastcote and Miss F.M. Chapman, Wilburton Road council houses – 27 10 14(7) ES

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1927 10 20

The Chief officer of Ely Fire Brigade reported on the fire in Stretham fen. It was in a most inaccessible place and they had difficulty in getting there. The lorry lamps were absolutely useless; any new lorry should have an electric lamp. Mr Harvey asked if the firemen got extra for the night hours. They put in a lot of time and the insurance people must be obliged to them for saving what they did. He thought they were not paid much for it. If there had been any farm hands to help they would have been away seven or eight hours earlier.

1927 10 21 ES

Wilburton fatality inquest, Stretham P.c. Saberton questioned – 27 10 21 & (2) ES

Ely Rural Water Extension to Stretham, Haddenham, Wilburton and Lt Thetford ... 'a monstrous proposition'. They could not afford to bring Grunty Fen in – it was the most badly-off place in the district. Having regard to the present great depression in agriculture and the difficulty in collecting the present rates, they should not proceed. – 27 10 21(4)&(5)

1927 10 28 ES

Stretham:

Football

Death Susan Taylor, daughter late Edward Brown – 27 10 28 ES

1927 11 04 ES

Stretham:

Football

Mothers' Union

W.I.

Whist Drive

Prize draw – 27 11 04

1927 11 11 ES

Stretham:

Football – 27 11 11(2) ES

County council discuss bridge over Old West at Twentypence and Cam at Dimock's Cote – 27 11 11 ES # c.44.47

1927 11 18 ES

Stretham:

Wedding Edith Fletcher and Albert Leet from Cottenham

Death of James Gifford, one of oldest inhabitants, 74. Lived in village all his life – 27 11 18 ES

1927 11 25 ES

Isle roads and bridges; includes new road from Downham to Welney; at present were fences and gates across the bank for letting herbage in sections, these should be removed. Concrete Road laid to carry traffic to Beet Factory. Dimmock's Cote Road to be main road. Mepal Counter Bridge reconstruction. – 27 11 25 & (2)(3) ES

Stretham: estimate of W.T. Rayner for rebuilding a boundary wall and shop front in connection with an improvement to the main road accepted. Correspondence on abolition of feasts and fairs on public highway, more particularly with proposals for the discontinuation of the annual Feast in Stretham; Isle take no action but write Home Office requesting opinion of Secretary of State – 27 11 25(2) ES

1927 10 09 ES

Stretham:

Late harvest: along Ely Road a field was once barley, but frosts and sparrows have played havoc and now nothing but stalks; next door is field of beans, shocks and waiting for the birds

Foreign Missions

Dart tournament, Red Lion c Sun – names

W.I. – 27 12 09(3) ES

1927 12 15

A.E. Wright, Stretham, death, p7

1927 12 23 ES

Stretham:

Football

Chequers Share-out club supper

Accident; H.F. Morton skidded in Grunty Fen Road – 27 12 23 & (2) ES

1927 12 30 ES

Stretham:

Football

Snow: Wilburton Road closed to traffic, Military Road impassable, Old West River frozen bank to bank – 27 12 30 ES

-o-o- 1928 – and Ely Standard - o-o-

1928 A. Pope in churchyard when startled by a great crash in tower of church and a clanging of bells; the block of stone used to keep weathervane steady had broken and crashed on to oak beams below [SN65]; architects report [SN68]; unable to use church for two Sundays ... [SB41] [PCC];

1928 Stitt's history reprinted [SB15]

1928 rectory roof relaid with plain tiles [SN178]

1928 new Cambridge road opened - runs in front of recently erected council houses [SN65]

1928 bridges over Old West & at Dimmock's Cote opened to traffic [SB17]

1928 Feast vans etc to move to recreation ground [SN133]

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1928 01 06 ES

Grave flood dangers, 33 engines fighting River Ouse water – 5ft 4” above normal.

At Stretham Ferry Bridge the river overflowed banks on Tuesday morning but authorities were able to deal with the emergency.

Stretham:

Floods: after some 120 hours freezing the thaw has left Stretham a miniature island. An excellent view of the floods could be obtained from the New Bridge at the Gravel.

Some excellent skating was enjoyed ... Mr Cyril Parish had a miraculous escape. With a number of friends we was skating over the ice-covered river when without warning he found himself up to his neck in water almost twelve feet deep. B. Langford rush to his assistance and was able to prevent him sinking and slipping under the ice, saving his life

Football

Wedding Olive Fretwell of Stuntney, with George Dolby of Witchford 28 01 06 ES

1928 01 13 ES

Stretham: one topic ‘Would the banks hold the tremendous amount of water. Acres of land flooded, water several feet deep on Military Road smallholdings. Town allotments flooded as were those in Grunty Fen. The engines have been working continuously, day and night. The engines working continuously to combat the water. The Military Road engine had two or three feet of water on Sunday but this was pumped out after several houses and the floor re-cemented in order that the engine might continue to pump. The water was actually running on to the road at Stretham Ferry but remedied by sault and sand bags. Gale: chimney pots and tiles dislodged, hen-houses were minus roofs. One shed at the old tennis court was completely swept down; stacks blown down in farmyard

Stretham:

Mothers’ Union

Death Emma Jane Parnell, widow late Red J. Parnell at The Haven, 79. Had spent most of life in London where her husband Pastor of Manor Park Baptist Chapel – 28 01 13(7) ES

1928 01 27 ES

Stretham:

Football

Wesleyan Sunday School treat

Mothers’ Union – 28 01 27(3)

Stretham – interest in proposed water scheme; residents believe there is sufficient supply. District Council’s scheme would cost £6,000

Meeting agreed to test well in the centre of the village. Investigate whether a private scheme could be worked at less cost; several meetings discuss at great length. Decide to work a private scheme provided obtain co-operation with the village at large and provided there was sufficient water in the springs. They arranged with Messrs C. Lack of Cottenham, experts, to test well near the Old School. Were some good wells but many houses did not. There was a little village which had its own works costing a third that charged by RDC.

If they had a private scheme only those who used water would have to pay. They had water in the centre of the village, a stream that had been running for ages – the one with which the mortar was mixed when the Church was built.

Rev Stitt: there are springs on my premises – beautiful, like champagne.

RDC scheme would run a line through Stretham, turn north at Mission Hall and follow Front Street and High Street past the church to the windmill. Several side-streets and back lanes will have lines - details - 28 01 27 ES

1928 02 10 ES

Stretham:

George Spicer drove motor car without license

Conservative concert, School – 28 02 10(2) ES

Stretham:

Football

Whist Drive – 28 02 17(7) ES

1928 02 17 ES

Ely R.D.C. meeting: S.A. Cross of Stretham complained of depositing of refuse; H.W. Harris wrote re Pump Lane, considerably number of heavy lorries were passing over the roadway and could only recall one occasion during the past 18 years when any stones had been put down. – 28 02

17(3)(4)(ES

1928 02 24 ES

Stretham:

W.I. cookery demonstration & social

Band of Hope

New road joining the Cambridge and Wilburton Roads was opened; three dangerous corners which have been the scenes of numerous motoring mishaps will be avoided. The road will be a great asset to the tenants of the new Council Houses at 'White City'. These homes have lately been erected. An R.A.C. hut has been installed at the Wilburton Road end, with suitable signposts. – 28 02 24 ES

Wesleyan rally

Serious accident Frank Bridgeman, a pupil at the Scientific Schools, Cambridge. Was working on radial driller when arm caught in machinery. Hand and arm severely torn and cut.

Hospital Sunday arrangements – 28 02 24 ES

1928 03 02 ES

Stretham:

W. Gifford appointed Ancient Order of Shepherds deputy chief

Football

Women's Bright Hour

Cricket Club annual meeting – 28 03 02 ES

1928 03 23 ES

Stretham:

Wesley Guild

Badger caught in Haddenham fen displayed at A. Reeve's house

Death William Vail, 82, born Stretham

Hospital whist drive – 28 03 23 ES

1928 03 30 ES

Stretham:

Wesleyan Guild

Football semi-final win

Boys School presentation to Miss I. Hudson, assistant teacher, on wedding

Addenbrooke's Hospital collection

Band of Hope recitation by Lily Sadler

Further improvements: road opposite the Cross widened down the street opposite the village pump where the old wall has been pulled down and a lower one built further back. The workmen will now

start operations on J. Garner's shop, thus making the main road a safer thoroughfare for the ever-increasing amount of traffic passing through the village. W.S. Rayner was the contractor
Hospital Committee meeting – LNER Concert Party too expensive ... hymns to be printed for sale
Feast Sunday 28 03 30 ES

1928 04 05

The official testing of the new bridge over the River Cam at Dimmock's Cote took place. It is 216 feet long and 25 feet wide, constructed of ferrous-concrete throughout and is designed to carry the Ministry of Transport standard loading. This bridge, together with the bridge over the Old West River, completes the road which was constructed in the early years of the war for military purposes and provides direct communication between the Midlands the East Coast, opening up a large area of agricultural land between Stretham and Wicken. It will be open for traffic on April 16th

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1928 04 06 ES

Stretham:

Football – in final of Isle of Ely Lower Junior Cup, never before in this final

Hospital whist drive – 28 04 06 ES

1928 04 13 ES

Massive bridge at Dimmock's Cote to open 28 04 13 ES – photo – 28 04 13(4) ES

Stretham:

Football – win Isle Junior League Cup; a large crowd of supporters journeyed with the team and their lusty cheering brought out the best in the Spurs

W.I. talk by County Librarian

Accident Elizabeth Alberta Driver, Hill Farm – ran into motorcycle – 28 04 13(5) ES

1928 04 20 ES

Stretham: concert in aid summer outing Church Sunday School – 28 04 20 ES

1928 05 04 ES

Stretham:

Baptist chapel anniversary

Walter Bent, a well-known athlete of bygone days runs a three-mile course for £3 donation

Addenbrooke's Hospital; course was from the new concrete road at White City, round Cambridge Road and back to concrete road, three times – 28 05 04 ES

1928 05 11 ES

Stretham: cricket prospects – 28 05 11(3) ES

1928 05 18

Charles Moden, Stretham, unfit horse, p5

1928 05 18 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary – 28 05 18(2) ES

1928 05 25

Stretham Hospital Parade, Haddenham and Wicken bands; wagon headed 'Hunstanton Convalescent Home' with sand castle and children wearing bathing caps; Hospital ward & 'Accident'. W. Parish's motor lorry used as a platform for service on cricket field. At hospital the services were in full swing, day and night, the operating theatre made ready for arrival patient ... this would not happen if the hospital became state controlled because when the state got hold of anything they had to fill in forms from A-Z- 28 05 25&(2) photos - (3) ES

Stretham:

Cricket - still winning; during Feast vans and stalls encroach on pitch

Feast: in years past the stalls and vans have been allowed to stand in the street; this year they were all on the cricket field - 28 05 25(4) ES

1928 06 01

Stretham speeding, p5

1928 06 01 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Hospital Sunday - names of collectors - 28 06 01(2) ES

Stretham whist drive raises £100 for Addenbrooke's Hospital = 28 06 01 ES

1928 06 08

Miss Olive Acred wedding to Fred Nash p12 CIP

1928 06 08 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Accident Phyllis Audrey Sadler, 8, daughter J.H. Sadler, hit by car when getting off bus at the Cross, bruised

Hospital Committee final meeting - 28 06 08 ES

1928 06 15 ES

Stretham:

Visiting bellringers

Cricket

Flower show and sports, to be held after lapse of some 28 years; appoint committee, collectors - 28 06 15(2) ES

Sufficient water in Stretham: Lack's report satisfactory; well in centre produced 2,000 gallons a day; that not sufficient, would consider 10,000 ample and that could be got by sinking a fairly large well. Electricity will shortly be available and this could power a small pumping set so a large water tower would not be needed - 28 16 15 ES

1928 06 22 ES

Stretham:

Hospital thanks

Accident - Leonard George Asplin fractured jaw when knocked off his motorbike near the Slap-Up Cricket

Tennis Club improvements to courts - 28 06 22 ES

1928 06 29 ES

Cricket

W.I. outing

Baptist Chapel anniversary

Wedding Carrie Russell, daughter George, Council Houses, Cambridge Road & Frederick Phillips of Cambridge, former centre-half Stretham Hotspurs
Funeral Esther Sadler, 83, widow George; two daughters resident in America
Wesleyan Chapel anniversary – 28 06 29 ES

1928 07 06 ES

Stretham:

Death Ada Ann, wife Daniel Lowe of Cage Lane, 65. – 28 07 06(4) ES

Stretham water: report to RDC, no action taken – 28 07 06(2) ES

1928 07 13 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Church clock out of action through some material having fallen from the spire; morning service held in Parish Room – 28 07 13 ES

1928 07 20

Stretham assault, John Sadler, p3

1928 07 20 ES

Stretham fete to pay for spire repairs – considerable damage done to clock and spire by brick work, repairs needed; evening services held on Rectory lawn 28 07 20 ES

John Sadler accused assault on Henry John Oates, landlord of Red Lion; he kept Airedale terrier with five greyhounds in a stable; Sadler said dog had bitten him; terrific blow on the jaw. Sent his 15-year-old boy to fetch the policeman and defendant flung the boy into the sink. Sadler said dogs whining and barking, annoying wife who was in agony. Case withdrawn – 28 07 20(2) ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Steeplejacks busy repairing spire of the church

New tennis courts in full swing – 28 07 20(3)

1928 07 26

Burwell Parish Council called attention to the need of a shorter route between Burwell and Wicken now that Dimock's Cote bridge had been opened to traffic. Although the villages were only two miles apart the present distance by road was 8½ miles. This could be remedied by the hardening of the first driveway and making 30 chains of a new road. It would reduce the distance for all traffic that had to pass via Fordham and Stretham and be a great saving of time and expense to road users which would pay for itself by lessening the mileage of road used

1928 07 27 ES

Stretham: cricket

G. Gotobed greyhound success

Sports – entries received

Sunday Schools' outing – combine for trip Hunstanton by five Ortona buses

Death Minnie, wife of J.H. Sadler, Middle Street, 47. Married 26 years. – 28 07 27(2) ES

1928 08 03

After a long period of inactivity the Stretham Sports Committee was reformed about six weeks ago and the outcome of their endeavours was a very successful show and sports on the Recreation Ground. This was formerly one of the most popular held in the vicinity and should all future events be as well arranged this enviable position will be soon regained. There was not a dull moment in the whole of the proceedings. The cycle events produced some keen tussles between S.G. Scott and W. Johnson and in the running events R.G. King of Soham took the hundred by a close margin.

1928 08 03 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Accident W.T. Rayner turning into his gate when hit by motor cycle

Steeple-jacks: a good many who thought they possessed all the faculties of a steeplejack endeavoured to scale the lofty church spire on Sunday morning in the same way as the steeple-jacks who are now at work repairing the steeple; they all reached the chinks safely – by steps from inside the church. But when they came out into the open about half-way up the Church, a different problem faced them. Ladders were fixed from the chinks to the summit. Many of the aspirants climbed four steps of the ladder and then hastily dismounted. Only two – Leslie Badcock and Cyril Parish – reached the top and from there a fine view could be obtained of the surrounding countryside – 28 08 03(5) ES

1928 08 10 ES

Stretham:

Train excursion to Yarmouth

Cricket

Ice-cream vendor's barrow crashing into by cyclist

Sports – local athletes fairly successful at Ely. – 28 08 10 ES

1928 08 17 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Bowls: G.C. Bridgeman awarded county colours

Angling: Harry Oates of the Red Lion fishing at Twenypence caught pike in keep-net

Plague of insects at Newtown Council Houses, Ely Road: at Mr Badcock's, no.1, millions of 'Black Jacks' damage vegetables and flowers; are working through all the gardens

Football club annual meeting – poor interest but to carry on - 28 08 17(2) ES

Stretham show and sports satisfactory balance – 28 08 17 ES

1928 08 24 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Seaside excursion by rail – 54 journey

Football in full swing ... enthusiasm – 28 08 24 ES

1928 08 31 ES

Stretham:

Cricket

Funeral Elizabeth, widow Charles Witting, had lived in village till recently

Football: will not be at full strength owing to calls of the harvest – 28 08 31 ES

1928 09 07 ES

Stretham:

Football

Excursion to Yarmouth along St Ives branch, 46 go

Rev Thory, Vicar in charge during the Rector's absence, left the village. During his short stay he has made many friends

Tennis Club & match

Helping Foreign Missions – tennis at Grove House – 28 09 07(4) ES

1928 09 14 ES

Stretham:

Football

False alarm – cry went up that Mr J. H. Martin's farm at the Gravel, was on fire. Many rushed down the Military Road on any conveyance that was obtainable and more still heard the Fire Engine rattle past. The 'fire' turned out to be the old remains of a mustard stack

Influx of visitors. Year by year the village is increasingly invaded by holiday makers at this season. This year a record number of people have visited. Probably this is due to the improved travelling facilities, such as the daily 'bus service to and from Cambridge and Rly, and also weekly trips from popular seaside resorts such as Hunstanton, Yarmouth and Skegness

Geranium Day – 28 09 14 ES

1928 09 21

Charles Hazel fined for mistreating horse [cutt]

1928 09 21 ES

Stretham:

Railway excursion Yarmouth

County library local branch reopens

Accident: Percy Frederick Herne of Chesterton crashes motor-cycle combination near Thetford railway crossing

Football – new colours of green and scarlet – 27 09 21(3) ES

Stretham church spire repairs – feature and photo – 28 09 21 ES

1928 09 28 ES

Stretham:

Football

Mission Hall Harvest Festival

Death Harriet Cropley, widow of Jonathan; oldest women, 92½. Born in Lt Thetford, came to reside in Back Street on marriage. Could remember the old stage coach and the first railway being built. – 28 09 28 ES

1928 10 05 ES

Stretham: Wesleyan harvest thanksgiving

Baptist Harvest Festival

Football – 28 10 05 ES

1928 10 12 ES

Stretham:

Rev Stitt to preach at Thetford

Football

W.I.

Bee swarm at L.J. Drever, Green End, a prominent bee handler, many witness

Church spire renovation complete, scaffolding taken down

Harvest Festival

Accident George William Grooms; driving motor cycle along Ely Road when overtook Harry Drever driving a horse and cart; dog ran out and he was thrown over handlebars

Death Eliza Pearson, 91, resided Middle Street with daughter

Sudden death Alice Meeks, housekeeper to Mr Housely of Engine House – 28 10 12(3) ES

1928 11 ERDM

thank Sharman of March for reprinting lecture on history of Stretham in aid of spire fund

1928 11 02 ES

Stretham:

Whist drive – 28 11 02 ES

1928 11 09 ES

Stretham:

Death James Stuart Goad at Grove House, 69; came from Swavesey four years ago – 28 11 09 ES

1928 11 15

George Asplin, Stretham, accident, p6

1928 11 16 ES

Stretham:

Football

Wesleyan activities

Armistice Sunday observed with due reverence – 28 11 16 ES

1928 11 23 ES

Stretham:

Sale of poppies – 28 11 23(3) ES

1928 11 30 [check]

“during last 6 months several improvements ...road opposite ancient cross widened a considerable distance and now extended down the street opposite the village pump where old wall pulled down and new one built further back; understand next commence operations on Mr J. Garner’s shop thus making the main road a safer thoroughfare for the ever-increasing amount of traffic, W.S. Rayner was contractor” – ES 30.11.1928

1928 11 30 ES

W.I. attend group conference, Wilburton

Football & whist drive

Wesley Guild meeting

Band of Hop meeting

Cricket club whist drive

Death John Sindall, 83; moved to Stretham in his youth where carried on butcher’s business

Obituary Mrs Mary Goad, widow James of Grove House – 28 11 30 ES

1928 12 07 ES

Stretham:

King’s illness – special prayers

W.I.

Jumble sale

Dance – music by Bert Hazel’s Jazz Band – 28 12 07 ES

1928 12 14 ES

Stretham:

Football

Sudden death baby son Mr Gipp, Stretham Fen; dead in bed

Water: scheme for supplying water from a well in the Rectory grounds of a new cowshed recently erected by Bertram Parish. Pipes laid from well under the road and now assured of an abundant supply of pure water. Is pumped by a small engine into an enormous tank which can be filled in twelve minutes. This automatically keeps supplied the water pans in each stall, ensuring pure water for each cow. The buildings which were erected by Routledge Bros on the most up-to-date lines are a model of cleanliness – 28 12 14(2) ES

1928 12 18

John Henry Savage's house, Cambridge Road burgled [cutt]

1928 12 21 ES

Stretham house ransacked and clothes stolen; Allen C. Savage, a baker, assisted father in his business P.c. Green received information that the dwelling house of John Henry Savage of Stretham had been broken into and clothing stolen. Four strange men had been seen ... entry had been gained through a window and every room ransacked. In a spare bedroom was found an old pair of brown cord trousers, cloth herringbone jacket, waistcoat, an old mackintosh and cap. He took them and circulated information ... four men were arrested in Cambridge – 28 12 21&(2) ES

Stretham:

County library branch reopened after diphtheria outbreak

Waits: younger generation been carol-singing

Carol service, Wesleyan Chapel

Accident: R. Driver of High Street, employed by William Driver of Hill Farm, was feeding two bulls; one charged into him causing wound to head

Whist Drive in aid Cricket Club

-o-o- 1929 -o-o-

1929 Chapel St fire caused by firework, Oct [SN142 SB41]

1929 Nursing Association formed [SN118 SB36]

1929 Charity accepts £900 from Green King for Chequers and butcher's shop [SN80]

1929 wireless in church [SB41]

1929 02 ERDM

... deaths Walter Lythell, Jane Bent

1929 03 27

Some interesting observations on windmills were made by Mr H.C. Hughes to the Cambridge Photographic Club. His talk was illustrated by large number of slides. The oldest drawing of a mill in existence was in Longstanton church, cut in the clunch of the porch. Doubtless as the miller was always a bad man his boy took after him and having been turned out of church had spent the time drawing his father's mill on the church. He spoke of the mill at Haverhill with its rotary vanes, the six-sailed mill at Wisbech and the mills at Stretham and Fulbourn, both of which were still working. The latter should be preserved if any should, so beautiful was it on the long rolling slopes behind the Roman road.

1929 04 ERDM

prevalence of sickness ...

1929 04 29

Ernest Hopkins suicide, Stretham, p5*

1929 05 ERDM

... church spire fund total sum due 41.11.4

1929 06 07

death Fred Garner, found shot p9 CIP

1929 06 08

Stretham suicide Fred Garner, p5*

1929 06 14

inquest on Garner p6 CIP

1929 06 22

Stretham garden fete

1929 08 ERDM

... recovery of King thanksgiving ... kindness of Mr Wallis of Walbro three portable wireless sets were placed in church to hear service from Westminster Abbey

1929 08 31

Joseph Dimock death, Stretham

1929 09 06

inquest Joseph Dimock p8 CIP

1929 10 12

Two cottages in Middle Street, Stretham were gutted by a fire which was caused by a firework thrown by a boy descending on the thatched roof. So quickly did the flames spread that the whole roof was soon ablaze and fell in. Nearby blacksmiths Mr Lowe and Mr Crow rendered valuable assistance but a fire extinguisher obtained from the Rectory proved useless. The fire brigade connected their hose to the village pond about a quarter of a mile away, which owing to the drought was very low. They were unable to use the engine at full strength for fear of blocking the hose with mud.

1929 10 18

fire – big blaze plus photo, 12 CIP

1929 11 01

wedding J. Woolfe, photo p12 CIP

1929 12 ERDM

... fear shock of having her home burnt out last month was in measure responsible for untimely death of Mabel Elizabeth Curtis

-o-o- 1930 -o-o-

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1930 B. Parish of Front St wins clean milking competition at Agricultural show [SN65]

1930 Stretham Engine : E. Stevens succeeds I. Housley (till 1943) [SB47]

1930 bells rung again [SB41]

1930 Barnardo's child [SB41]

1930 death of Charles Murfitt [SB41]

1930 01 ERDM

E.J. Swan obliged resign as organist due ill health

Church spire fund closed, raised £433 since Oct 1928

1930 01 03 ES

Football

New Years' party, Wesleyan chapel

Church choir carols

1930 01 10 ES

Stretham – 30 01 10a & b
Spire – money now raised
Football
W.I.
Social Club annual meeting

1930 01 17 ES
Stretham 30 01 17
Wesley Guild
Football
Harry Coates of Red Lion Hotel caught specimen Dace from Cam at Dimock's Cote
Tennis concert to pay for relaying parts of new tennis courts
Stretham 30 01 17a & b
United prayer meeting
Catechism Christmas treat postponed due sickness
Haulage prices reduced to 2s per ton from Stretham, F. Baylis solicits order
Gale – worst on record, 80 mph, little damage
Nursing Association
Sunday school treats
Village pump damaged; motorist having pulled up at a garage close by for petrol was backing out and backed into it severely damaging this ancient structure. A resident was at the pump but ran clear, leaving her pail, which was destroyed. The motorist made good the damage to the pail but drove off without leaving name
Football
Ladies' Liberal Association
James Harris dies, 87; resided past 18 years, memories of Rev Fred Hastings 'the cycling parson' from Woodbridge
Old folk's party organised by W.I., 200 present in schoolroom; ham sandwiches and delicacies, concert

1930 01 24 ES
Stretham 30 01 24
Tennis club
Football semi-final Challenge Cup
Motor cyclist injured at Thetford railway crossing as gates closed
James Harris funeral

1930 01 31 ES
Stretham 30 01 31a
Wesleyan church
Mothers' Union annual tea party
Parochial church council, C. Swann resigns as organist; seek tenders new heating apparatus
Reuben Jacob death, formerly conducted butcher's business

1930 02 ERDM
Glad to hear bells once more
Asked to raise money for Addenbrooke's
Reuben Jacobs passed away

1930 02 07 ES
Stretham 30 02 07b
Tennis dance
Wesley Guild
P.G. Bridgeman is correspondent
High-class concert being planned

W.I.

Nursing Association meeting

1930 02 21 ES

Stretham 30 02 21

Wedding George Lythel and Hilda Allibone

1930 03 ERDM

Laurie Norfolk takes over as organist

1930 04 04 ES

Stretham 30 04 04

Mothering Sunday

Parish meeting – very little interest

Missionary meeting

Guild social

Flower Show committee

W.I.

1930 04 11 ES

Heavy lorry sped through Stretham at 25 mph 30 04 11a

Stretham 30 04 11c

Hospital whist drive

Charles Murfitt death, Top Street, b1858, farmer, worked Ladson Wilburton till forced to retire

Addenbrooke's Hospital collections

1930 05 02 ES

Stretham 30 05 02

Cricket club

No rubbish dump for village

Addenbrooke's Hospital egg collection

Mothers' Union

Mary Ann Hopkins death, 89, oldest lady, married John Hopkins

1930 05 09 ES

Revolution in track laying on L.N.E. Railway between Stretham and Waterbeach 30 05 09

Stretham 30 05 09b

Singing classes

Cricket

W.I.

1930 05 16 ES

Stretham 30 05 16

Feast

Cricket

Barrel organ hired and J Badcock, P. Acred, H.C. Holliday and A. Holliday toured village

1930 05 23 ES

Stretham 30 05 23c

Cricket

Wesleyan anniversary

Hospital Sunday record collection

1930 06 ERDM

Garden fete to include pageant of village

1930 06 06 ES

Successful Stretham milkman, B. Parish, Front Street wins clean milking competition; his milker Jim Murfitt 30 06 06

Stretham 30 06 06a

Cricket

W.I.

Addenbrooke's Hospital record collection – names

1930 06 13 ES

Dangerous driving – Alfred Constable sped 30 06 13

Stretham 30 06 13a

Cricket

Charles Hitch death, Read Street, had distinguished military career

1930 06 26

Garden fete, prize list [scan]

1930 06 27 ES

Stretham Rose Queen, Molly Drever – **photo** – 30 06 27

1930 07 ERDM

Death on Apr 2nd of Charles Murfitt .. prodigious memory of the past, foster children from Dr Barnardos

Charles Hitch who invalid since badly gassed in War died Jun 6

1930 07 17

sports & show [scan]

1930 07 18 ES

Stretham Horticultural and Sports Association show – detailed report – 30 07 18 & a

1930 08 01 ES

Stretham 30 08 01

Football club annual meeting

1930 08 08 ES

Stretham 30 08 08

Marriage Agnes Parish to George Burrell of London, will reside High Street, Stretham

1930 08 15 ES

Stretham 30 08 15

Motor cycles collide – R.A. Sadler, Old Cambridge Road corner

Harvest in full swing

Football

1930 08 29 ES

Stretham 30 08 29

Football club annual meeting

1930 09 ERDM

Painful illness Mrs Stitt

1930 09 12 ES

Stretham 30 09 12

Football

Nursing Association, Nurse D. Gibbons, Wilburton Road steps in while Nurse Nation on holiday

1930 09 19 ES

Stretham 30 09 19 Many journeyed to Yarmouth for the races

Football

Schools re-open after holidays; Miss Taylor, the certified assistant teacher will resume her duties after her operation

Stella Dimock examination success

Hospital Extension Fund Committee meeting

Football

1930 09 26 ES

Stretham 30 09 26a

Football

County library to reopen

Daisy Day organised by Misses Acred in aid of National Children's' Home

Harvest Thanksgiving

Wesley Guild

Wesleyan Harvest Festival

1930 10 03 ES

Stretham 30 10 03b

Football

Harvest festivals

Red Lion darts league

Hospital Committee collection

1930 10 10 ES

Stretham 30 10 10

Geranium Day – National Institute for Blind 30 10 10

1930 10 17 ES

Stretham 30 10 17

Football

Concert cancelled

Darts

Wesley Guild

Motors collide Old Cambridge Road corner, car knocked into dyke; one driven by George Spicer with T. Jacobs passenger

William Chapman death, Stretham Ferry

Nursing Association flourishing – Nurse Nation made 2,936 visits

1930 10 31 ES

Stretham 30 10 31

Football

1930 11 07

Stretham 30 11 07a, b

Wesley Guild

W.I.

Joseph Jackson death, Middle Street; native, spent all life in village, 80

Sports Association

1930 11 14 ES

Stretham 30 11 14
Mothers' Union
Armistice Day poppies sold, service
Wesley Guild
Cantata by Chatteris Wesleyan Choir

1930 11 21 ES
Stretham 30 11 21a
Wesley Guild
Mrs Helen Norman death, Elford Cottages, 83
Hospital Target Committee

1930 11 28 ES
Stretham 30 11 28
Bellringers' meeting
Wesley Guild
Addenbrooke's Hospital building fund
Funeral Susan Walker of Ely

1930 12 ERDM
James Yarrow one last old Thetford stalwarts; the burning down of his house a week after the funeral was very tragic

1930 12 05 ES
Stretham 30 12 05c
Wesley Guild
W.I.

1930 12 12 ES
Stretham W.I. choir 'Messiah' great undertaking, conductor W.L. Swan – 30 12 12a
1930 12 19 ES
Stretham 30 12 26a
Cricket whist drive

Death Sidney Parish in London, unconscious in road 30 12 ...

-o-o- 1931 -o-o-

Ely Standard articles copied

1931 water supply scheme [SN133]
1931 passenger services end on Grunty Fen line (see reminiscences ES 3.3.1933) [SN65 SN142]
1931 Chequers licence to George Nayles [SN133]
1931 death J.H. Savidge [SB41]

1931 01 02 ES
Stretham 31 01 02a
Wesleyan carol singers
Christmas services at the church
Narrow escape – well-known resident had to cross fen drain by a wooden plank; half-way across his friend slipped in, pulling him with him into the icy water. Luckily the pumping engine had been at work during the day, thus lowering the water. A clean change of attire had to be provided before one could proceed to his home in the village. A severe cold is the only ill-effect

Marriage Miss Theodore Parr, Ely Road and Moses Hawes of Wicken

1931 01 09 ES

Stretham 31 01 09a

W.I. entertain old folk

1931 01 16 ES

Stretham 31 01 16a

Wesleyan Sunday School treat

Mothers' Union annual tea party

Football club social

1931 01 23 ES

Stretham 31 01 23

Nursing association

Football social

Wesley Guild

1931 02 20 ES

Stretham 31 02 20b

Football

Football club concert & dance

1931 02 27 ES

Stretham 31 02 27

Wesleyan Guild rally

Hospital parade committee

Wesley Guild annual festival

Lewis John Drever, Green End, death, 67; leaves widow and 11 children

1931 03 06 ES

Stretham 31 03 06

Football

Hospital whist drive

W.I.

Cricket Club annual meeting – great difficulty in raising two teams

1931 03 13 ES

Stretham 31 03 13

Football

Hospital Parade committee

Parish meeting and election

1931 03 20 ES

Stretham 31 03 20b

Mothering Sunday

W.I. success for choir

1931 03 27 ES

Stretham 31 03 27

W.I. augmented choir

W.I.

1931 04 10 ES

Stretham 31 04 10

W.I.

Charitable Hospital effort

1931 04 17 ES

Stretham 31 04 17

Otter found dead in road near Quarter Way

Football

Concert

Baptist chapel anniversary

Hospital committee

1931 05 ERDM

Death George Driver

1931 05 01 ES

Stretham W.I. spring conference 31 05 01

Stretham 31 05 01a

Addenbrooke's Hospital house-to-house collection

Tennis club annual meeting

George Russell Driver funeral

1931 05 08

wedding Rose Wood, nurse, p12 photo CIP

1931 05 08 ES

Stretham nurse Rose Woolf marries William Bishop – photo 31 05 08a

Stretham 31 05 08b

Cricket

Youthful hospital workers – includes Lily Sadler dressed as May Queen and attendants and toured village

W.I.

Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary

Wesleyan church building extension fund concert

1931 05 22

Robert Elborne Moore, lab, acquitted beating Irene Marsh & other girls [scan]

1931 05 22 ES

Stretham 37th Hospital Parade; will it be the last? – detailed article 31 05 22e, f

Stretham 31 05 22i

Cricket

Hospital collections

1931 05 29 ES

Wedding Gertrude Ann Acred, High Street and Arthur Vincent Nash 31 05 29; photo 31 05 29b

Stretham Hospital prize draw winners 31 05 29a

1931 06 ERDM

Weather arctic at feast Sunday parade ... raised money pay respect to memory of fallen at war memorial and holding the usual open air service

1931 08 ERDM

John Henry Savidge died 27 June ... well known character and one who never let his left hand know what his right hand did

1931 11 ERDM

Elizabeth Gotobed died

1931 12 25

The annual share-house of the Stretham Malt and Hops Sick and Dividing Club took place. The total receipts for the year were £62 12s 4d, the sum expended on sick pay had been £13 9s 4d so each of the 44 members received £1 13s. 31 12 25b

-o-o- 1932 -o-o-

1932 death Bent [SB41]

1932 01 22

wedding James Howton, photo p12 CIP

1932 03 ERDM

Death Luisa Mary Baylis, 14 Feb

George Lowe Sennitt, the oldest inhabitant

1932 04 06

Canon Cockshott has worked for the church for 60 years, choir, mother's meetings, Stretham retire Shelford – 32 04 06a

1932 05 ERDM

Clara Parish donates bathchair

1932 05 13

Feast parade for Nursing Assoc ES 13.5.1932

1932 06 17

Stretham garden fete, p6*

1932 07 29

Stretham man fined, p20*

1932 08 26

Stretham – F.H. Dimmock foot seriously injured by grass cutting machine – 32 08 26c

1932 10 ERDM

Death of Richard Bent 80 severs one more link... changes during 26 years ... baptised children of those I christened, buried those who in their maturity when I came in 1906

1932 11 ERDM

Sir Christopher Wren's earliest work as a door in Ely cathedral & he designed Brunsell's memorial tablet

1932 11 04

wedding C. Sadler photo p12 CIP

1932 12 ERDM

Heating system absent many years ... been means of destruction of church property and discomfort on Sundays; weekday services in Advent & Lent held in parish room; income inadequate and behind with quota, four members of PCC to approach church for overdraft if required n their joint guarantees so work go ahead

Just received legacy from late Mrs W.W. Wesley which instructs executors to place stained glass window in the church & memorial in churchyard in memory of her mother, Mrs Granger

H. Drever generous gift new fire-place in parish room

1932 12 09

Wesley memorial churchyard & glass windows (unveiled 1934) [ES 9.12.1932 p16 SB41 PCC]

-o-o- 1933 -o-o-

1933 church heating scheme [SB41 PCC]

1933 Stitt presents plate church [SB41]

1933 Sun Inn licence from Henry Partridge to Chas Langford [SN133]

1933 01 06 ES

P15

Schools to re-open

Library open

Methodist Universal week of prayer

New Year run in

Dance – money for coal for Addenbrooke's Hospital

Wesley Guild annual party

Mothers' Union party

1933 01 07

Referee Elsdon reported a bad case of misconduct by Stretham players. They had appealed for hands in the penalty area but he had not seen it. As he was going off the field three players and the linesman said they would put him in the pond. He considered he was lucky to get away as he did. P. Oakman, A. Sadler and W. Lythell, who had played for 15 years and never been in trouble before, were suspended for the rest of the season. 33 01 07c

1933 01 09

Stretham football club delayed by King's train – 33 01 09b

1933 01 13 ES

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Church Sunday School treat

W.I. augmented choir

Baptist Sunday School treat

Methodist Sunday School treat

1933 01 20 ES

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W.I. augmented choir concert

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Obituary Johnathan Norman born Stretham 30 March 1848

P12

St Hotspurs football club v Ely City reserves, 2-5

P16

W.I. party

1933 01 27 ES

P13

Influenza outbreak

Wesley Guild

Mothers' Union

1933 02 ERDM

Have succeeded in warming church & getting rid of the unsightly stove whose noxious fumes poisoned us, especially when the wind was in a cold quarter. We have installed an up-to-date heating apparatus provided by Messrs Cutlack. As result be able to make more use of church on weekdays for praise as well as public devotion ... if offering increased by a penny a service will repay debt

1933 02 01

Benjamin Coxall, Stretham-born Methodist farmer, dies – 33 02 01

1933 02 03 ES

P9

Coursing Stourbridge Farm

1933 02 10 ES

P15

School re-opening

County library open

Coal for almshouses

Wesley Guild

W.I.

1933 02 17 ES

P15

Influenza outbreak

Slot postage stamp machine

New – older council houses, Ely Road [SN132]

Wesley Guild

Carnival dance

Cricket Club agm

1933 02 24 ES

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Wesley Guild

Methodist church

Sports Association

1933 03 ERDM

Prevailing epidemic of illness

George Langford died 21 Feb ... well-known and cheery figure on the road

Now church properly warmed there should be no excuse for irregular attendance

1933 03 03 ES

P15

Tennis club dance

Grand concert

Home Mission

Albert Charles Wright, railwayman. Starting work on the railway as a porter at Harston, in 1920, he remained there for a year and eight months, and then transferred to Stretham as porter and signalman, later being appointed signalman. In this capacity he served under no fewer than eight different station-masters. When the position of station-master was dispensed with nine years ago Mr. Wright was appointed foreman in charge, in which capacity he worked until his retirement. It is interesting to note the changes that have taken place during the last 32 years at our local station. At the beginning of the period there was employed there a station master, a signalman and a porter,

while now the station is managed entirely by one man. Formerly, residents of the village had to choose between the passenger trains and carrier carts as their only mode of travel, but now the station is closed entirely for passenger traffic, the work now being done by 'buses. The goods train service is also not nearly so much, used as it was in former years, the work to a great extent, being done by motor transport. At one period during the war ladies were employed at the station as porters and later before the passenger service were dispensed with tickets were issued by the guard on the corridor trains which were used at that time. We understand that a permanent successor to Mr Wright has not yet been appointed ES 3 Mar 1933 [cutt]

Edith Annie Dimock, Ely Road ... only daughter of the late Mr. John Blinch Dimock who farmed extensively in district Miss Dimock, who was 61 years had been in ill-health for a long time past' She had lived In the village practically all her life, and, being of a quiet, retiring nature, she took no active part in the public life of the community ES 3 Mar 1933 [cutt]

Obituary: Edith A. Dimock, 61

George Ebenezer Langford of Cage Lane ... death came as a severe shock in the village, as he had only been ill a week ... having contracted pneumonia. A native, he was 69 years of age and was the son of the late Mr. Richard Langford. For the last 20 years he had been employed by the Isle of Ely County Council as a road-man, and he was highly respected, in the village, owing to his cheerful nature. He was predeceased by his wife eight years ago and leaves one son and one daughter-to mourn their loss. ES 3 Mar 1933 [cutt]

1933 03 10 ES

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DARTS

WESLEY Guild

W.I.

Concert

1933 03 17 ES

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Stretham FC v Haddenham, 2-7

P16

Livestock club – presentation to Mrs Langford as Crown now closing [SN132]

Wesley Guild

Darts

Obituary: Elizabeth Wesley, 85

1933 03 24 ES

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Wesley Guild festival

Dartsmen

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Quartet's success at festival

Darts

Wesley Guild

Obituary: Elizabeth Murfitt

1933 03 31 ES

P6

Wesley Guild

Jumble sale

Mothers' Union

1933 04 ERDM

Miss Edith Dimock was last survivor of her branch of one of oldest families in Stretham

1933 04 07 ES

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Stretham group W.I. conference at Lt Thetford

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Band of Hope Union

W.I.

Chequers' darts club

1933 04 10

Stretham man shot, p3*

1933 04 11

Stretham tragedy, p8*

1933 04 14 ES

P10

Stretham Football Club v Adelaide, 1-7

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County library

Cuckoo heard

School Easter vacation

Tennis courts opened

Darts club

Sports Association

1933 04 21 ES

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Obituary: Elizabeth A. Dimock, 61

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Chequers darts club social evening

Wedding notice – Tom Pearson & Mary Wiggins

1933 04 28 ES

P16

Wedding notice – Joseph Smith & Nellie Hobbs

1933 05 ERDM

Elizabeth Ann Dimock sudden death, woman of outstanding personality and ability

1933 05 05 ES

P16

W.I.

Baptist Anniversary

Sports Association dance

1933 05 12 ES

P5

Cricket club – season's fixtures

P12

Cricket club lose to Witcham

1933 05 19 ES

P16

Gooseberry picking started

School shut – annual feast

Methodist church anniversary

Feast – no parade this year

1933 05 26 ES

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Cricket

Hospital contributory scheme

Obituary: John Martin, 86

Reinstatement of paths

Feast Sunday collection results

1933 06 ERDM

John Martin one of oldest inhabitants d 20 May at 86; wife who survives him is 6 months younger; married at Soham 64 years ago and never been parted for a day or night; had been tenant of Quarter Way House for 35 years

1933 06 02 ES

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Cricket

Hiam employees to county show

Sports committee

Two motor accidents

1933 06 09 ES

P15

W.I.

1933 06 16

P9

Charley Morden, 49, found dead in bed

P16

Bicycle thieves

1933 06 23 ES

P15

Stretham, Haddenham and Wilburton British Legion standard dedicated (photo p16)

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W.I.

Cricket

1933 06 30 ES

P9

Buildings wrecked in lorry collision Wesley's garage [SN142]

P11

Church fete (photo p13)

P16

James Goad summoned for riding without lights

1933 06 30

Lorry crash

1933 07 ERDM

Shocked at tragic and lonely death of Charlie Morden who lived alone & died; body discovered after lain dead many days

1933 07 07

Accident at Stretham – 33 07 07

1933 07 07 ES

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Lorry accident at Stretham – six-wheeled lorry laden with bricks collided with another ... demolished Mr Wesley's garage, went through passageway and penetrated the third shed to a depth of 1ft.9". The whole of the garage collapsed on top of defendant and it was a miracle the man escaped alive. Evidence from Annie Brown, Kenneth Neville, Sidney Brown of Preston Terrace [cutt]

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Geranium day

Sports Association

Annual Old Folks party

1933 07 14 ES

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Baptist chapel anniversary

Sports

Methodist chapel anniversary

Motor accident

1933 07 21 ES

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Downpour mars sports

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Seaside excursion

Success at Horticultural Show by 'Cockney'

1933 07 28 ES

P5

Free evenings sports – Horticultural Society

P16

Marriage Ida Hinkin to Alfred W. Martin

P15

Chequers Club outing to Skegness

Cricket

Accident Ruth Martin, knocked off bike

Football Club agm

Obituary: Julia Mary Ann Spratley, 78

1933 08 04 ES

P16

Death notice – Ernest J. Cropley, 61

1933 08 11 ES

P16

Motor cycle accident

Mothers' Union annual summer tea

Tennis tournament

Funeral E.J. Cropley

1933 09 ERDM

Ernest James Cropley always a great invalid, did not prevent him being a loyal servant for 50 years to his employer

1933 09 08 ES

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Features of interest in Fenland – article on Lt Thetford, Stretham & Wilburton; interview with John Smith and his memories of village life - photos

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Schools to re-open

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1933 09 15 ES

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Car and cycle accidents

1933 09 21

Stretham car crash, p8

1933 09 22

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Marriage Percy Stevens, Lt Downham to Jean Smith

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Football

Baptist harvest festival

1933 09 27

Stretham claim, p5

1933 09 29 ES

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Wedding photo Stevens & Smith

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Wedding present

Baptist harvest festival

Obituary: Emma Murfitt, 68

1933 10 06

Wedding Lou Constable & H. Badcock p12 CIP

1933 10 06 ES

P16

School children visit Majestic cinema

Football

Church harvest festival

Chequers darts club

W.I.

Wedding Lewis H. Constable to Hilda M. Badcock (photo p9)

1933 10 13 ES

P5

Inquest Herbert E. Sennitt, killed on motorcycle

P11

Court case re Stretham motor accident

Four old sisters, Mary Murfitt (79), Emma Sadler (82), Jane Dimock (77), Rebecca Dimock (77), daughters of Joseph Sennitt

P12

Football v Downham, 7-1

P15

Football

Whist drive

Motor cycle in flames

Funeral, Isle of Wight – Lizzie Dewsbury, 65

Methodist harvest festival

1933 10 20 ES

P12

Football v Downham, 5-0

P15

Late Beatie Sennitt

Football cancelled

Sports Association dance

Darts

Choral Society formed

1933 10 27 ES

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Football fixtures & team

Darts

Mothers' Union

1933 11 ERDM

Shocked to hear tragic accident 6 Oct of Bert Sennitt ... [LOST]

1933 11 03

G.T. Gotobed, Stretham, licenced to slaughter animals, p8*

1933 11 03 ES

P5

Stretham Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund Committee meeting

P12

Football v Mepal, 0-3

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Jumble sale

Wesley Guild

Darts & dominoes

Methodist chapel new organ

Miss M.E. Brock leaves school, presentation

1933 11 10 ES

P3

Nursing Association annual meeting

P7

Remembrance day service

P12

Football v Prickwillow, 0-5

P15

Choral society rehearsal

Women's Bright Hour
Miss C.S. Dimock appointed school teacher
Wesley Guild
W.I.

1933 11 03
G.T. Gotobed, Stretham, licenced to slaughter animals, p8*

1933 11 17 ES
P16
Lantern lecture
Women's Bridge Hour
Sale of poppies
Foreign Missionary meeting
Mothers' Union
Obituary – Mrs Eleanor Richardson, 82

1933 11 24 ES
P5
Margery Brock, former teacher at Stretham married (photo p16)
P6
Isle of Ely County Council discuss dangerous corner near café south of Stretham on A10
P15
Poppy sale income
Darts & dominoes
Funeral – Eleanor Richardson

1933 12 ERDM
At 27th anniversary institution presented set of offertory plates to churchwardens ... also in expectation that light may not shine upon the smallest coin of the realm which I understand has been introduced by an enterprising and respected tradesman of this parish; perhaps will find way into Heating Fund box ... four farthings make a penny ... silver shines better than copper
Armistice service touching and impressive ... pile of flowers laid by war memorial

1933 12 01 ES
P5
Mrs C. Reynolds, Fidwell Farm, applies to court for money following accident to daughter, Bessie Holman
P12
Football v Soham, 3-1
P15
Wesley Guild
Darts & dominoes
Sports Association annual meeting

1933 12 08 ES
P7
Haddenham, Wilburton & Stretham British Legion second annual dinner
P8
Richard Driver picks raspberries
P12
Football v Mepal
P15
Methodist young people's service

Wesley Guild

1933 12 15 ES

P12

Football v Ely reserves, 6-1

P16

School Christmas vacation

Skating

Darts & dominoes

Tennis dance

Women's Bright Hour

Wesley Guild

Car n ditch

Mothers' Union

1933 12 18

A crowd of 200 people saw skating races for the Duddleston Cup at Lingay Fen. The ice was not of the best and records remained intact. The winner was C.W. Horn, the National Skating Association champion, whose time was very much faster than ever previously recorded, though the race has never before been over an oval course. Runners up were R. Wyman of Stretham, G.W. Martin of Nordelph and L.B. Carter of Over 33 12 18

1933 12 28

In accordance with custom the Isle of Ely Coursing Club held a Boxing Day meeting at Stretham by permission of the President, Sir Frederick Hiam. Weather conditions were bad, rain falling continuously throughout the day, but this did not upset the usual enthusiasts. Hares were rather slow in breaking cover but there was some splendid sport, though 'the going' was a trifle heavy. 33 12 28

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1934 feast week revived after lapse of 12 months [SN71]

1934 Top Street pump disused, dismantle [SN133]

1934 church financial difficulties, no rich patron; new memorial window Mrs Wesley – postcards from Post Office [SB41]

1934 ERDM

Welcome threepenny bits which beginning to put coppers to shame

1934 01 25

When a News photographer set off to look for a bus that had come to grief on the road from Cambridge to Ely he found more than he bargained for. Between Milton and the 'Slap Up' he came

across a lorry heavily laden with potatoes which was upside down in a ditch. Then near Denny Abbey there was a Ford lorry lying on its side in the bottom of the ditch and near Stretham bridge he found another hanging over a ditch. He finally found the bus which had turned over on its side. Fortunately there was nobody on board except the driver, Mr Cyril Newell, who had crawled out through the windscreen unhurt 34 01 25

1934 02 ERDM

During past years financial difficulties ... £440 for repairs church spire, 271 for heating ... no rich patron ... hope people be a little more liberal

1934 02 16

Bus crash near Stretham – 34 02 16

1934 03 ERDM

New Memorial window bequeathed late Mrs Wesley to be dedicated 11th March, artist is N.J. Comper, proud to have work from man of such distinction

1934 04 ERDM

George Sindall who completed one period of army service ending in Gt War died Feb 26
Beautiful memorial window unveiled by Mrs H. Drever ... picture post cards can be obtained at the Post Office

1934 06 15

crash near Stretham, photo p3 CIP

1934 07 28

Stretham farm fire – S. Wright of Orchard House – 34 07 28

1934 08 03

fire Ely Road farm & stock yard owned by Sarah Wright of Orchard Ho and tenanted by Thomas Jacobs who was owner of two stacks which were destroyed. Soon a raging furnace and nothing could be done to save building; helpers saved an adjoining wheatfield ... ES 3.8.1934 [cutt]
[SN142]

1934 08 10

death Albert Edward Wesley of Wilburton Rd ... 43 ... ES 10.8.1934 [cutt SN142]

1934 08 10

with sports and shows gradually dying out or carried on at loss gratifying that Stretham run at profit
[cut]

1934 08 16

Stretham crash, undergraduate car overturns – 34 08 16

1934 10 ERDM

Walter Gibbons died 17 Sept ... churchwarden over 37 years

1934 10 12

Stretham accident, p5*

1934 11 ERDM

Thanks for recovery Mrs Stitt from her serious illness ... unable indulge in all her parochial duties

-o-o- 1935 -o-o-

Ely Standard indexed

1935 King's jubilee ... have lost whole generation of those who would now be able to ease our burdens; people are apt to forget about war and its legacy of broken health, broken minds & broken fortunes ... [SB41]

1935 Baptist foundation stone laid

1935 meeting to form Bowls club [SB9]

1935 Town pond to be filled in [SN133]

1935 01 04

electricity cables laid ES 4.1.1935

1935 01 04 ES

Ely men in somersaulting car near Elford cottages. Midnight escape at Stretham. 35 01 04 (2)

Stretham

Darts – Chequers

Women's Bright Hour

1935 01 11 ES

Stretham

Wesley Guild

Accident Edward Russell – lorry hits curb Sun Corner, overturns on footpath hitting fencing R.T.

Wesley's house 35 01 11 (5)

1935 01 18 ES

Stretham

Women's Bright Hour

Mothers' Union Party

Wesley Guild Party 35 01 18 (4)

1935 02 01 ES

Stretham measles epidemic 35 02 01 (3)

Wesley Guild 35 02 01 (3)

1935 02 08 ES

Stretham measles epidemic much worse, only 19 attend Upper School, four in infants

Women's bright hour

Wesley Guild service

Women's Institute

35 02 08 (2)

1935 02 15 ES

Wesley Guild

Social Club table tennis v Cottenham

Child death: Dennis Charles Hale, 13 months, Cage Lane

Measles: no scholars at school Wednesday morning at Infants

Eliza, wife William Beasley dies aged 70. 35 02 15 (2)

1935 02 22 ES

Wesley Guild popular entertainment

Funeral Dennis Charles Hale, infant 35 02 22 (3)

1935 03 ERDM

Undergoing visitation of measles

1935 03 01

wedding photo Albert Holliday & Margery Jugg, p12 CIP

1935 03 01 ES

Fine coursing at Stretham – Isle of Ely Coursing Club on Hiam's farm 35 03 01 (3)

Wesley Guild lecture on work Ilesha Hospital, West Africa

Motor lorry on footpath: Albert E. Wright drove on footpath at Newmarket

Wedding: Albert Gipson Holiday and Marjorie Agnes Jugg 35 03 01 (4)

1935 03 08 ES

Darts and dominoes – Chequers club

Wesley Guild

Women's Bright Hour

Women's Institute

Accident in Green End, Arthur Gotobed of Ely driving motor lorry towards Sun Corner overturned on footpath near L.B. Hopkin's house, damaging fence.

Death William Howe, 36; in Hospital when had heart attack during wife's visit 35 03 08 (3&4)

1935 03 15

County Library

Home missionary meeting, Methodist

Mother's Union meeting

Funeral Brian Cockerton, 7-month sons J. Cockerton, Council Houses, Cambridge Road

Funeral W. Howe

Sports Association meeting

Jubilee Celebrations planned, committee appointed

34 03 15 (3)

1935 03 22

Wesley guild

Baptist winter treat

Jubilee committee

35 03 22 (3&4)

Sunday School treat

Tennis Club annual meeting

Wesley Guild Festival

35 03 22 (6) – obviously wrong

1935 04 05 ES

Women's Bright Hour

Mothers' Union

Women's Institute

Accidents – Edward Creak, Ely, in motorcycle accident Sun Corner when Alice Ison of Pump Lane crossing road; John Henry Lawrence driving lorry in collision with brewery van near Bradshaw's shop

35 04 05 (2)

1935 04 19 ES

No public convenience ... parish council shelve suggestion; Wilburton Road drain, Recreation ground site for Jubilee amusements 35 04 19 (2)

1935 05 03 ES

Marriage Arthur W. Sennitt, Green End to Dora Terry, London

Sunday School Baptist anniversary

Percy William Read, tug-boat engine driver, Ely Road, speeding in Cambridge
35 05 03 (3&4)

1935 05 10 ES

Stretham Jubilee celebrations service 35 05 10 (3)

Jumble sale

Women's Institute

35 05 10 (5)

1935 05 17 ES

Mr Willett has serious accident on Jubilee night; condition remains the same

Cricket v Cottenham & Mr G. Swan's XI

Mothers Union outing to London

Accident – car overturned near Elford Cottages, Cambridge Road, hit telegraph post which broken in half.

Feast Sunday parade committee – Haddenham Band, united service on recreation ground, parade to include a fancy dress and decorated cycle parade; to judge entries after service on field and not at commencement as previously. Income to Nursing Association as its future in grave danger and may cease to act

Jubilee arrangements committee balance sheet; to agree site for playground on recreation field

35 05 17 (2)

1935 05 24 ES

Stretham parade marred by rain, postpone parade of decorated bands and cycles and fancy costumes; Band paraded at 5pm; halted at War Memorial for 7mn. United service in evening. Fancy dress parade held on Monday evening, decorated motor lorry from Wright Bros toured village, J Gibbons dressed as old gentleman and rode decorated bicycle. Judged on Recreation ground 35 05 24(3)

Methodist jubilee fund

Site selected for children's amusements on Recreation Ground 35 05 24 (4)

1935 05 31 ES

Cricket

Anniversary services Methodist 35 0531 (3&4)

1935 06 ERDM

Celebrate Kings jubilee - had spoke at Coronation time from same pulpit ... have learned great many lessons since 1910, have lost a whole generation of those who now would be able to ease us of our burdens ... sports parades have been fully reported in local press

Stretham feast spoilt by very severe weather, for first time the Sunday afternoon Parade had to be abandoned

1935 06 07 ES

Women's Institute

Death Sarah Ann Sennitt, Cage Lane ... 80, widow of Joseph Sennitt, employed by Mr R.C.

Routledge in his baker's business. She had worked there for many years, being previously employed by the late Mr J.H. Savidge and his son, Alan Savidge 35 06 07 (2)

1935 06 14 ES

Stretham's example to the world; Methodist fete in Rectory Grounds ... for repairs to Sunday School schoolroom which in a very dilapidated condition. Foundation stones laid in 1885, part of the old chapel, which was left standing is in a very bad condition and needs pulling down for the erection of a more modern and commodious premises providing a vestry, place to boil water and coal storage. Rector had placed parts of the Rectory at their disposal ... MP Rothschild spoke ... good to see congregations combining ... were climbing the same mountain ... stalls and stall-holders, fancy-dress 35 06 14 (2)

Stretham Methodist fete workers – group photo 35 06 14 (8)
Show and sports committee 35 06 14 (9)

1935 06 21 ES

School scholarship success to Ely High School, includes Edna Feetham, Joan Papworth

Garden fete – Methodists raised £31

Jubilee Committee had visited Kettering to select amusements ... parish council asked to fund shortfall; Sir Fred Hiam to be asked to open 35 06 21 (2)

1935 06 27

Stretham HMS Pinafore on the vicarage lawn – 35 06 27

1935 06 28 ES

Model battleship at Stretham fete made by L. Caswell, pupil of Soham Grammar School, was centre of much attraction of Church Fete on Rectory lawn: photo 35 06 28 (2)

1935 07 ERDM

Sarah Ann Sennitt, saintly and sweet soul died May 29th; one of oldest members of Mothers Union and lived a life of cheerful, unselfish, devoted service.

Mrs Stitt's girls class tea on lawns

1935 07 05 ES

Old folk entertained – WI tea 35 07 05 (3)

Parish Council meeting – RDC had piped the pond, Jubilee Committee had overspent funds, time pond in Cricket Field was completely filled in

Sidney Leach, Ely Road bricklayer's business 24 years 35 07 05 (4)

1935 07 12

recreation ground play equipment opened July - money left from Coronation celebrations ES
12.7.1935 [SN132 SN133]

1935 07 12 ES

Baptist anniversary services

Sports Committee arrangements sports and horticultural show

Show and sports, 60 entries for sports including pick of professional cyclists and runners

Death Rebecca Gaunt, Reads Street, 74. Eldest daughter late Frank Russell, came back five years ago 35 07 12 (2)

1935 07 17

Stretham annual show – 35 07 17 & a

1935 07 19 ES

Stretham stages another creditable show; good-quality fruit ... splendid racing at evening sports meeting; two new trophies, one won by local schoolboy, several prominent competitors failed to appear 35 07 19 (2)

Garage breaking at Stretham – E. Steven's entry forced through windows, blood-stained packs of cigarettes on ground spotted by Cyril Westley, Stretham postman; wireless sets damaged 35 07 19 (3)

Anniversary celebrations, Methodist 35 07 19 (4)

1935 07 26 ES

Infant's death – 17th-month daughter L Ellinor Reads Street

Death Peter Cutter, Read Street; came from Abington 14 years ago when married Jessie Knights, daughter of late Mrs T. Stubbings. Had been inmate at Fulbourn for five years 35 07 26 (2)

1935 08 ERDM

Departure of Sydney LEACH from midst, good tradesman, loyal sideman & true friend
Storm hit Garden fete ... thank Leslie Caswell whose wonderful Ship was a great attraction
Sunday school outing Hunstanton

1935 08 03

death Rev F.W. Savidge, pioneer missionary, biog notes ES 3.8.1934, ES 27.9.1935 [cutt],
4.10.1935 [SN70 SN142]

1935 08 02 ES

Sports Association – profit 35 08 02 (2)

1935 08 09

The Weights and Measures Inspector said he was shown into the vaults of the Sun Inn, Stretham, where he noticed some small glasses used when quarts were taken into the men who played dominoes. There was a quart measure with a broken spout which was a good mouthful short. He wanted to take it away but the landlady said he could not do that until she got another one, adding ‘What am I to do tonight’. She said no one ever asked for a quart of beer nowadays but would not say what she used it for. 35 08 09

1935 08 16 ES

Jubilee committee – still need £19 to pay amusements 35 08 16 (2)

1935 09 ERDM

Peter Cutter, another victim of war passed away after long illness. People are apt to forget all about the War and its long legacy of broken health, broken minds and broken fortunes. It is left to very few of us who remember these tragic four years to even care for the War memorials. I supposed when another generation arrives, even they will be forgotten. But there is one appalling possibility, Suppose in the present unsettled state of the world and its craving for excitement and pleasure another War should burst upon us? Have we forgotten the lessons of the past or must the younger generation have another rude awakening. In praying for peace let us have peace one with another

1935 09 06 ES

Death of Mrs Ellen Brown, widow of late John, at her residence, Ely Road. Leaves nine children ...
35 09 06 (3)

1935 09 12

Stretham wedding of Francis Fuller, Padney and Miss R.L. Fuller – 35 09 12

1935 09 13 ES

Accident on Cambridge Road corner, lorry loaded with bricks overturned over a wall owned by Mr W. Bent and finished on its side 25 09 13 (2)

1935 09 27 ES

Former Minister's death - Rev Fred Savidge at home of his sister, Mrs Gautrey, aged 73. Was formerly in Baptist ministry in the Lushai district of India. The Government awarded him the Kaiser-I-Hind medal for distinguished services to education in that province where he conducted a college.

Baptist Harvest Festival – the first place of worship in the village to install electric lighting through generosity of O.P. Drever of Kettering, a former Sunday School scholar, who spoke. Harvest anthem. For the first time in its history the Chapel had been decorated for the occasion 35 09 27 (3)

1935 09 28

Stretham lost a widely-known resident by the death of the Rev Frederick William Savidge whose father carried on business as grocer and draper in the village. After graduating he became interested in missionary work and spent 30 years in North India training natives, many of whom became missionaries. Three years ago he came to reside with Mr & Mrs W.K. Gautrey of Pond Street where he wrote the story of his life, a copy of which was requested by the King. He had also been in demand as a lecturer on his experiences. 35 09 28e

1935 09 30

Rev F.W. Savidge, pioneer missionary, educated King's School ... received Kaisar-i-Hind medal; wife, formerly Miss Grant died two years ago – scan

1935 10 ERDM

A little child, Daphne Bridgeman, called to join happy band of children in the Garden of Paradise

1935 10 04

WI, Harvest thanksgiving, John Taylor of Brook Lane, 76 ES [NPP] [scan]

1935 10 04 ES

Women's Institute

Harvest Home, church

Late John Taylor, Brook Lane ... 76 35 10 04 (4)

1935 10 04 ES

Famous Missionary interred at Stretham. Rev. FW. Savidge's work in India.

The Rev Frederick Wm Savidge, B.A. ... was the son of a Stretham businessman. He was educated at Ely High School and, inspired by the example of some of his school friends, intended to become a clergyman of the Church of England. He was a private tutor when the call came to missionary service. Early in life he began a friendship with Mr J.H. Lorrain; both were baptised and joined the Highgate Road Baptist Church, of which Mr Savidge retained his membership until the time of his death.

Mr Robert Arthington, a wealthy gentleman, was interested in spreading the gospel in the world and devoted his wealth to that end. The work begun by Mr J.H. Lorrain in 1890 was carried on by the two friends when Mr Savidge joined Mr Lorrain in 1891. Many difficulties were encountered, but perseverance won and among the Lushai Hill folk a wonderful work was done. Mr Savidge was the doctor and schoolmaster, as well as the evangelist. Mr Lorrain and he became missionaries of the B.M.S. when the Arthington money enabled that Society to take over the work in Lushai.

Mr Savidge and his friend had the reward for their labours when they saw savages become Christian gentlemen, and when on his furlough Mr Savidge brought home with him Lushai youths to England he insisted that they should be treated in all respects as himself. The late Mr Savidge taught the Lushais English, so the wealth of the English classics might be their's.

Ten years ago Mr Savidge returned to Britain, living first at Aberdeen and then at Stotfold, until the death of his wife in April 1933, which necessitated his return to his native village in the care of his sister, Mrs W. Gautrey. During his retirement Mr Savidge has been engaged in writing the story of his life among the Indians and some time ago he received a command to send a copy of his book to H.M. the King.

The funeral took place at Stretham cemetery on Sunday. A service was held at the home of Mr & Mrs W. Gautrey, Pond Street.

The Rev R.F. Gascoyne of Haddenham (Cambridgeshire representative on the B.M.S. General Committee) officiated, and was assisted by Mr B.R. Wheeler of London (Assistant Foreign Secretary B.M.S.). Two hymns were sung, "Rock of Ages" and "Abide with Me",

A brief address ... was given by Mr Gascoyne who said that words, taken from David's lament at the death of Abner, would be echoed by many lips in Lushai when the news of Mr Savidge's passing reached them. Some here only knew him in the days of his increasing weakness; many knew him in the days of his power, but even they could only guess what Mr Savidge was to those Indian people among whom he lived – teacher, friend, father and prophet of God.

The Mourners. The principal mourners were: Miss Savidge, Mr Basil Savidge, Mrs Gautrey, Mr Edgar Savidge and Mrs F. Millington, brother and sisters; Mrs Cecil Savidge, daughter-in-law; Mrs J.H. Savidge, sister-in-law; Mr F. Millington and Mr W.K. Gautrey, brothers-in-law. Mr & Mrs A.C. Savidge, Miss Coral Millington, Mr Cyril Millington, Mrs S. Copley, Miss G. Gautrey, Mr M. Gautrey and Mr H. Millington, nephews and nieces; Mr & Mrs Mould (Kettering), Mr C. Bush (Ely), Mr Cyril Hephher, Mr Gregory (Cambridge). Miss Smythe (London), Dr Bottoms (London), Miss N. Garling (Ipswich), the Rev A.R. Routledge, Miss E.M. Bowser (Women's Secretary B.M.S.), the Rev J.H. Lorrain (the colleague of Mr Savidge), Mr W. Parker Gray (Northampton, Chairman of the Western Committee B.M.S.) and Mrs Parker Gray. Those representing the South Cambs. Auxiliary of the B.M.S. were: Mrs H.F. Bird, Miss C. Bird, Miss R.H. Chivers and Mr Roger Smart. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave from the relatives and friends.

1935 10 04 WS

The Rev F.W. Savidge who died at Stretham last week was a very remarkable man. A pioneer missionary among the head hunters of the Lushai Hills he achieved a wonderful piece of work in company with H.J. Lorrain. Starting a Mission they began with medical work. Gradually gaining the confidence of the tribe they had by the end of the years made so much progress that they had mastered the language and reduced it to writing and also translated two gospels and the Book of Acts, had written hymns, a catechism, a simple primer, a grammar and produced a dictionary of 7,000 words. The Mission was started in 1891 and at that time in the tribe no man could a wife unless he had obtained one human head. For sometime he had been writing a book on his work entitled "From Head Hunting to Soul Winning" a copy of which was being sent to the King.

"I had to wait over two years before the Indian government would allow me to live amongst the head hunters as they were afraid they might kill me." CIP 4 Oct 1913

[We are told by Mrs B Stevens that he was in fact a Methodist preacher not Baptist.

Dorset House stood where the Fish and Chip Shop now stands in Newmarket Road.

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1935 10 11 ES

Stretham lorry driver Ernest George Morrell, Cambridge Road, sped at Landbeach 35 10 11 (2)

Geranium Day in aid blind

Contributory Scheme – Addenbrooke's Hospital – 356 contributors, G.B. Clark of Post Office has prepared the new card

Pretty wedding – Harry Howe of Cage Lane and Phyllis Maude Grey of Bridge House, to reside 5 Ely Road 35 10 11 (3)

1935 10 18 ES

Donation to Nursing Association

Death Harry Miller, Box Cottages, The Fen 35 10 18 (3)

1935 10 25 ES

H. Miller coffin of oak, W.T. Rayner of Stretham was undertaker

Mothers' Union

Parish Council – spare earth to be put in town pond

Bowls Clun formed at meeting in Infant's School – recreation ground the best place, would take two years for grass but Mr Sidney Smith, chairman, would allow members the use of his own lawn until the green available 35 10 25 & (2)

1935 11 08 ES

Death Ernest John Swan, in partnership with his brother, W.L. Swan in grocery and drapery business; member of Choral Society of which brother conductor. 35 11 08 (2)

Wesley guild

Women's' bright hour

Darts & dominoes, Chequers

Sunday School Rally – Baptist 35 11 08 (3)

1935 11 15 ES

Stretham remembers war dead 35 11 15 (2)

Wesley Guild

Overseas Mission Anniversary 35 11 15 (3)

Wedding John Money, Wicken, and Queenie Langford of Sun Inn 35 11 15 (4), photo 35 11 15 (5)

1935 11 21

Stretham accident, p5

1935 11 22 ES

Chequers darts

Women's Bright Hour

Whist drive for Football Club

Mothers' Union

Wesley Guild 35 11 22 (2)

1935 11 29 ES

Nursing Association whist drive

Photo George Smith and wife celebrate anniversary, Coningsby – photo 35 11 29 (3)

1935 11 30

Stretham lorry accident photo – 35 11 30

1935 12 ERDM

Death of Ernest SWAN removed one who by his gentle, genial and unselfish way of life. Fond of music and services when organist much appreciated

1935 12 06 ES

Walpole lorry crash at Stretham, near Quarter Way House 35 12 06 (2)

Whist drive

Wesley Guild

Darts & dominoes

Women's Bright Hour

Women's Institute

Wedding Elsie Brown to William Easy 35 12 06 (3)

1935 12 13 ES

Mothers' Union

Musical evening at Baptist

Wesley Guild

Sports Association meeting

Jubilee Committee 35 12 13 (2)

1935 12 20 ES

Death of Stretham worthy – George Richardson, Top Street; sign writer and decorator, 87 35 12 20 (2)

Villages near Ely dying out?; population decline but Littleport grows as industry; Stretham dropped from 1,145 to 1,000 1871-192; fewer blacksmiths and carpenters, less children; if agriculture did not employ more not much hope for a good healthy life in the countryside, difficult to sustain amenities; electrification progressing facilitating decentralisation of industry 35 12 20 (3)

Carol singers

Women's Bright Hour

Stretham Dividing Society share-out at Infants School – 120 members receive £1 0s.1d

Chequers Inn annual share-out of club followed by supper, music

Cricket club whist drive

Jubilee Renovation Fund at Methodist 35 12 20 (5)

1935 12 28

Mr William Macintosh, a member of the Cambridge firm of ironmongers, died following an accident at Graham's crossing. The express train stopped in Shelford station for five minutes after the accident. In another incident a passenger train from Peterborough to Cambridge was delayed when it ran through the gates at Dimmock's Crossing near Stretham and smashed them. Fortunately no passenger or member of the train crew was injured. The debris was cleared quickly enough not to affect the other trains on the line 35 12 28

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1936 Red Lion licence to Albert Blayney [SN133]

1936 death Thomas Palmer Lawrence, miller after thunderstorm Grunty Fen [cutt SN142]

1936 death Thomas Jacobs [SB41]

1936 death Fred Granger Hazel [SN129]

1936 Stitt has nervous breakdown, Jun, in nursing home & breakdown health 1937; 1938 .. serious private trouble & anxiety & most valued helpers have own domestic strain [SB41]

1936-7 bowls club opening [SB73]

1936 01 ERDM

Millers say church organ badly needs extensive repairs, but no fund available

1936 01 03

Ely RDC has accepted tenders from Messrs Grensells of Kettering for wiring council houses in Ely Road and West End Sutton, Tower Road, Main Street and Cross Lane Downham, the Cambridge and Ely Roads in Stretham together with Hill Row, Hop Row and Station Road, Haddenham, Millfield Littleport and Haddenham Road at Wilburton. The Beds., Cambs. & Hunts Electricity Company will make a connection charge of £1 for each of the 94 houses— 36 01 03c

1936 02 17

Thomas Jacobs's Stretham cattle-dealer dies – 36 02 17

1936 02 21

obituary, Thomas Jacobs, farmer p18 CIP

1936 03 ERDM

Death Thomas Jacobs, 15 Feb ... very sick man, never spoke evil

Memorial service for King

1936 04 02

A man was sentenced to four years for burglary at the house of Mr Sidney Smith at Stretham. He used a poker to open various pieces of furniture and ransacked the house. But why he stole some of the articles it was difficult to understand. He took Mr Smith's tweed coat and vest, a tack coat, flannel coat, overcoat, 13 packets of cigarettes and five shillings in silver together with two pairs of stockings, five silk handkerchiefs, one pair of eyeglasses in a case and other articles belonging to his wife. 36 04 02a

1936 04 08

wedding Edgar Stevens & Beatrice Acred [cutt]

1936 05 12

Stretham inquest 2-year-old Alfred Godfrey Parish of Old White Horse, kicked in stable – 36 05 12b [scan]

1936 05 20

Stretham feast parade – 36 05 20 [scan]

1936 06 ERDM

Rev Stitt sent to Southwold suffering from nervous breakdown;

Cyril Papworth accident to his little son

1936 06 06

Two-seater car smashed into telegraph pole on corner near the Black and White café, Stretham – 36 06 06

1936 06 12

crash photo, p12 CIP

1936 07 13

Stretham Flower Show and Sports – 36 07 13 & a [scan]

1936 07 30

The younger generation are not following in their fathers' footsteps and drinking beer, instead they are spending money on cinemas and motor cycles, the landlord of the Rose and Crown at Little Thetford claimed when appealing against his rate assessment. Mr H. Nunn of Sutton said he employed several men in his ice-cream business but the machinery was only used six months a year while Mr G. Cobbin a miller of Downham Road Ely said he had lost trade as the beet industry had hit him heavily; he was grinding very little and the mill had not been in use for two years. 36 07 30 also J.H. Acred said his cottage at Green End Stretham was very old and had not the conveniences of modern houses. He had had a portion added to the building

1936 09 ERDM

Death Albert Driver

1936 09 22

Stretham tenant John Sykes given notice to quit 11 Council Houses, Ely Road. Is his 8th notice to quit in two years – 36 09 22a

1936 10 ERDM

Prolonged sickness in the Rectory ...

1936 10 22

J. Asplin oldest inhabitant, grand children – photo [scan]

1936 12 ERDM

Death Walter Driver 16 Nov ... when I came in 1906 had been Rector's churchwarden during nearly 20 years of predecessor's incumbency; his period of office must have approached 50 years; had been Sunday School Teacher from early manhood & School Manager till resigned in favour younger man; buried at the porch of church; memorial service 22nd Nov attended by schoolchildren

1936 12 04

Isle of Ely Highways Committee discussed various road improvements. There may be a bypass at Chatteris from Carters Bridge to link up with Warboys Road but this was a huge scheme. A bottleneck on the Lynn Road north of Ely was caused by a cottage standing close to the road: this could be demolished with a new home built further back. In Stretham the Cambridge Road between the new council houses should be widened with an island at the junction of Wilburton Road. They were faced with this monstrous expenditure because of the foolish position in which the houses had been built. 36 12 04 & a

-o-o- 1937 -o-o-

1937(?) Ely road houses

1937 nurse H.Cook appointed, committee squabble, all resign, new formed [SB36 SN118]

1937 floods, diesel engine worked from Jan 19 to end of April for total 1,853 hours; at one time for 590 hours without stop [SB50]

1937 Crossways garage opened [SN142]

1937 Coronation celebrations [SB41]

1937 02 12

Stretham haulage contractors, Algernon, William Gordon and Roland Neville fined for failing to keep records of driving – 37 02 12a [scan]

1937 03 16

A great battle is going on over a 50 mile front to save the fens from serious flooding. But in the minds of the hundreds of men working on strengthening the sodden banks is the ever present question 'Will the banks hold?' Despite their efforts the Old West River at Aldreth Causeway overflowed and nine inches of water poured into Haddenham Fen causing people to leave their houses. Great anxiety was also caused when water came over the banks at Willingham and at Lt Thetford where a split occurred in a bank 37 03 16 & a photos – Prickwillow, Earith, Stretham, Ship Inn – 37 03 16c

1937 04 ERDM

Lt Downham rector took funeral of Mrs Winkworth while Rev Stitt in a Nursing Home; she the oldest inhabitant of parish & an invalid for many years;
Church Army van visited - Capt Binns

1937 05 ERDM

Rev Stitt breakdown in health & to South of England
funeral Alfred G. Wheeler, schoolmaster in 1906 & organist, fine musician

1937 05 21

Stretham Parade Committee was favoured with a fine day for their annual event for charity, for the first time for several years. The parade was marshalled at the Cross by Messrs P.G. Lowe, P.W. Hazel and PC Boulton and, headed by Haddenham Silver Band, marched off on the tour of the village. The Parade Committee's banner was followed by a van decorated by ladies of the Nursing Association. Afterwards the procession formed up again at the Cross for a service conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S.S. Stitt, who was supported on the platform by the Rev A.R. Routledge, A. Westrupp and E. Stevens 37 05 21

1937 06 ERDM

Coronation - rain called modifications programmes celebration; large party by bus to London 14 May to see decorations

1937 06 10

The reconstruction of four bridges, Popeleys Bridge (Wisbech), Slade Lode Bridge (Chatteris). Brands Bridge and Benwick Bridge will be deferred as contractors cannot obtain the necessary steel for the work. But estimates the reconstruction of the road between Littleport Bridge and Brandon Creek were accepted by the Isle of Ely council. An application by Stretham Parish Council for a speed limit through the village and the widening of the Fordham Road near Green End was granted. 37 06 10b

1937 06 18

Careless driving at Stretham dismissed – 37 06 18a

1937 09

G.E. Constable obituary, Gravel Farm, [cutt]

1937 11 26

marriage Lieut-Com George Stitt, photo p12 CIP

1937 12 ERDM

Marriage George Stitt at Langham Place; was presentation from all sporting clubs in Parish Room; during last 31 years he has grown up amongst you and we regard him as a type of the best element of Stretham youth

1937 12 16

Stretham football ground has been closed for a fortnight by the Cambs Football Association following complaints of disorderly conduct by spectators. The incident occurred in a-Minor Cup tie with Willingham. The Referee reported sending off C.H. Sadler, of Stretham, for dangerous play and using abusive language. He also reported the spectators for disorderly conduct during and after the game. Both cases were proved and Sadler was suspended for one month and the ground closed for two weeks. The Stretham club was also severely censured for playing an ineligible man
37 12 16d

1937 12 29

Coursing at Stretham on Boxing Day – 37 12 29b

-o-o- 1938 -o-o-

Said to be Stretham notes – not found

1938 telephone kiosk erected [SN133]

1938 death Isaac Asplin [SB41]

1938 01 21

Julia Wright of Ely applies new trial against Mr Sadler for return of £100 lent to him [scan]

1938 02 04

crash Stretham bridge, photo p12 CIP

1938 02 28

Herbert Gillett, Red Hill Farm crashes car – CDN 28 Feb 1938 [scan] 38 92 28a

1938 04 08

George Wybrew started his railway career in 1892 as a clerk at Sawbridgeworth from which he was transferred to Bishop's Stortford, Liverpool Street and finally to Haverhill. He was appointed stationmaster at Stretham in 1912, then went to Burwell and Mildenhall. In 1927 he was made stationmaster at Saffron Walden and since 1930 has also been in charge of Audley End station. He believes that in spite of the ever-increasing road transport the railways, which have reached a high degree of efficiency, are unrivalled for speed and safety 38 04 08a

1938 04 25

J.H. Saddler in court over supply of meat from Cambridge butcher [scan]

1938 05 06

Holland Rose Porter, for many years a civil engineer abroad, exploring for oil; dies Cambridge; had lived Stretham [scan]

1938 05 13

E.W. Rayner takes Grange Farm [ES 13.5.1976]

1938 05 13

James Gibbs & Alfred Chappell accused theft petrol from William Gordon Neville, haulage contractor with garage and petrol pumps [scan]

1938 05 21

Stretham Baptist chapel foundation stone laid; old chapel had stood for 120 years; in 1936 trustees consulted O.P. Driver, builder & architect who found foundations had given away; Miss Wright promised two-thirds of cost of £1,000 building – 38 05 21 [scan]

1938 06 03

The Isle of Ely Highways Department had since 1931 been cleansing four drains at Stretham, nine in Witcham and one in Sutton that had been set out in the Inclosure Awards as public drains. This work had been undertaken under a legal mistake and should have been done at the expense of the respective parishes. This meant a serious cost would now fall on the Rural Council. At Haddenham nothing had been done with the drains and those at Wentworth had not been touched for 50-100 years. Who was going to pay, Councillors asked 38 06 03b

1938 07 ERDM

Parish church clock not really cleaned for 62 years has adopted a sitting down strike - refuses to go

1938 08 ERDM

A very trying year for us (Rev Stitt) not only owing to serious private trouble and anxiety but also because our most valued helpers have their own domestic strain
PCC decide clear balance on heating apparatus

1938 09 09

accident bus & car, Sun corner [scan]

1938 10 ERDM

Week very full of International Crisis ... unfortunate that threatened thunderstorm kept people away from evening service of prayer but it passed over and take as sign that clouds over Europe passing away

Death of "Old Isaac", the comrade of Lord Roberts in the march to Kandahar, popular village postman for countless years as well as town crier. He wished to join up in 1914 at the age when most men expected well-earned rest

Joseph Murfitt loyal worker for Methodist church; his son Walter was first Stretham boy to be killed in Gt War

1938 11 ERDM

League of Youth started in Stretham

1938 12 23

Sidney Brown of Berry Green crashes car at Adelaide – CDN 23 Dec 1938 [scan]

-o-o- 1939 -o-o-

1939 Stretham steam engine used during floods & again in 1940/41 [SB47], Cambridge road flooding [SN142]

1939 choirboys break glass in belfry, hide cassock, dismissed [PCC 13.2.39]

1939 death Wm Tyrell Rayner, builder, Ely Rd, family in Stretham 300 years, business taken by P. Bysouth [SN142]

Ely Standard scanned for Stretham – headings Jan 6th etc; also stories from Cambridge papers

1939 01 06 ES

Stretham p13

women's bright hour

women's institute

1939 01 12

The Old West River is very narrow and in normal conditions appears slow, lazy and far from dangerous. But now it has risen above its low banks, covering the washes and lapping against sandbags placed along the A10 road near Stretham Ferry Bridge. Four barges are tethered to willow trees, loaded with gault to mend the banks. It is a scene reminiscent of what happened here in 1937 when water ran across the main road to the low-lying fields beyond. A little more snow or rain will cause flooding 39 01 12b

1939 01 13 ES

Stretham p13

plough Monday observed by elder boys, though no make up

lantern lecture

women's bright hour

Sunday school treats

mothers' union

League of Youth newly formed, 1st New Year party

1939 01 13

Floods.—Ouse Catchment Board men have (in view of the existing floods) reinforced the bank running alongside the road on the Cambridge side of the bridge over the Old West River (at Stretham). When a Pressman visited the district, he saw flood water lapping menacingly against the sandbags. The Old West River, which runs from Earith to just below Ely, is at this point narrow but now it has risen above its low banks, and is covering the washes which extend from the normal water's edge to higher banks running parallel. Willow trees alongside the normal river, which in summer time afford adequate protection from the sun to the many anglers who sit along the banks, are now half under water. Four large barges are tethered to these trees. They were brought up from Ely loaded with gault to mend the banks in the vicinity. With the continuance of fine weather, the flood water should soon be drained off. A little more snow or rain, however, would bring it over the main Ely to Cambridge Road, and many adjoining fields would be flooded. The Ouse at Holywell is over its banks, and water is within six feet of the Ferry public house. But it has to rise several more inches before it reaches the level of the house. . . . The flood position at Welney yesterday showed little improvement, for there is still 3ft. 6in of water over the road across the wash between Welney and the Suspension Bridge at Oxlode. The flood waters from the Old Bedford River have risen slightly at Earith but there is at present no anxiety. Flooding is most severe at Brandon Creek and in the Hilgay area.

1939 01 20 ES

Stretham p13

Wesley guild

Baptist chapel winter tea

death : James Baxter, 74

1939 01 27 ES

Stretham p13

Women's bright hour

League of youth

1939 02 ERDM

Are making a great effort to interest children in plight of children who have been turned out of Germany and Austria

1939 02 03 ES

Stretham Cambridge Road flooding, sandbag barriers - photo p11

Stretham p15

Wesley guild

lecture on Germany & needs of Jews

1939 02 08

drainage Cambridge road council houses, should pipe dyke Recreation ground, but pc object [scan]

1939 02 10 ES

Stretham p15

Women's institute

Baptist chapel

bowls club annual meeting

1939 02 17 ES

Stretham two accidents - lorry collides with Swans van and crashes into two cottages adjoining the shop, cottages owned by W.H. Coates of Isleham; another at Sun corner p9 ES 17.2.1939 [SN142

Stretham p15

women's bright hour

mothers' union

whist drive

1939 02 24 ES

Stretham coursing match - Isle club meets p4

Stretham p15

bankruptcy of William Alfred Pinion, Crossways garage

women's bright hour

concert

wedding : Harley Crow & Harriet Harrison - photo

1939 03 ERDM

Mrs Hartree addressed children at elementary school on plight of Christian refugee children with Jewish blood in their veins

1939 03 03 ES

Stretham p15

Refugee fund collection

lantern lecture

concert

Methodist guild rally

1939 03 08

The RDC heard that a drain needed for Stretham council houses should run inside the recreation ground and join up with the existing sewer. The Parish Council Chairman had said they'd be no difficulty but the council then refused permission. If they brought their outlet to the open ditch it would create a nuisance and the parish council would have to pay for it. That would bring them to their senses. 39 03 08 & a

1939 03 10 ES

Stretham death of William Tyrrell Rayner, 68, builder of Ely Rd; family established in S for 300 years. now died out; 1907 took over building business in S; was son late Philip Rayner, builder & wheelwright of Lt Downham; funeral p4 [cutt]

Stretham parish council attacked for refusing allow drain inside recreation ground to serve new council houses - "throwing mud in faces" of RDC p11

private coursing at S p11

Stretham p15

meeting creditors Pinion - deficiency of £657.7.8

women's bright hour

women's institute

whist drive

1939 03 17 ES

Stretham p15

free talkie cinema entertainment at Boys school

Methodist guild

mothers' union

sports association arrange show

Baptist chapel scripture exam

1939 03 24 ES

Stretham Pinions failure - without capital built up haulage business giving £10 week profit but hit by series of accidents; until 1929 assisted father as fruiterer & farmer at Wilburton; started with £100 in Sept 1929; by 1935 had 3 lorries & invested profits in new; but series of accidents 1936-7 & extra heavy premiums & sold up. Firm promised £863 but only paid £600 as yet. In November 1937 opened petrol station at Crossways with 4 pumps under hire purchase agreement for £516 but not sufficient turnover, could not pay & petrol supplies curtailed p4, ES 24.3.1939 [cutt SN142]

Stretham p15

women's bright hour

Baptist chapel

mothering Sunday

tennis club meeting

1939 03 31 ES

Stretham conservative films shown, prospective candidate speaks

Stretham p15

wedding : Leslie Markwell & Norah Jugg - photo p16

1939 04 ERDM

Sudden death of Tyrell Rayner ... loyal churchman ... I feel a friend has gone from my daily life

1939 04 14 ES

Stretham p13

women's bright hour

women's institute

Stretham wedding Geoffrey Langford & Frances Scott - photo p14

1939 04 21 ES

Stretham p16

egg service

women's bright hour

lantern lecture

death : Walter Richard Jewell, 77, retired to S 3 years ago from Stoke

1939 05 05 ES

Stretham Isle to lay 2ft pipe through pond which then be filled in; because of flooding to enlarge a pipe from 1ft to 2ft p10 ES 5.5.1939 [SN142]

Stretham p16

Baptist chapel anniversary

1939 05 19 ES

Stretham p15

bowls drive

1939 05 26 ES

Stretham p15

tennis tournament

jumble sale

W.T. Rayner's workshops have been taken by P. Bysouth (late Rayner & sons), builder, wheelwright, decorator & undertaker, Lt Downham; holds stock timber; enquire shop or at Johnson
jumble sale

1939 06 02 ES

Stretham p15

Whitsun holidays

tennis tournament

1939 06 09 ES

Stretham p15

bowls spoon drive

pansy collection

school outing to London

Methodist chapel

1939 06 16 ES

Stretham p15

giant asparagus

red cross collection

nurses holiday

Jean Murfitt wins prize in handwriting competition

1939 06 23 ES

Stretham p15

Baptist chapel

Methodist chapel

1939 06 30 ES

Stretham garden party happy social, "all pomp cast aside"— photo 39 06 30c [scan]

Stretham p15

Baptist chapel

1939 07 07 ES

Stretham p15

women's bright hour seaside outing

Albert E Wright fined for speeding at Chatteris Daphne Wesley & Kenneth Holliday win scholarships collection for blind & defective children

fete helpers thanked

1939 07 14 ES

Stretham Akeman House withdrawn at £290, direction late Holland Porter p7

Stretham p16
nursing association

1939 07 18
Stretham Horticultural Show 12th annual sports, cycling 39 07 18 & a [scan]

1939 07 21 ES
Stretham annual show & sports best in 12 years - list names etc p5
Stretham p15
road flooding between Stretham bridge & Chittering to be discussed
NSPCC collection
John W West, 11, hurt in accident
women's institute
Akeman House withdrawn at £290, direction late Holland Porter, 14.7.1939 [SN142]

1939 07 28 ES
Stretham p15
sports association meeting

1939 08 04 ES
Stretham p15
schools break up
Methodist & Baptist united outing
wedding : Lily Dimock, Hillcroft, 3 Ely Rd & Owen Newman

1939 08 11 ES
Stretham p14
Claude Harold Sadler of Wentworth, formerly master butcher of S. - receiving order
flower with 200 buds

1939 08 31 ES
Joseph Dimock, 74, Brook Street, labourer, fell from wagon; Reuben Lewis Dimmock had been
police officer, was helping [cutt]

1939 09 01 ES
Stretham fatal motorcycle accident near p7
Stretham p12
motor cycle accident, Sun corner
bowls drive - photo p12

1939 09 08 ES
Stretham dyke rear cottage Wilburton Rd fouled by tenants throwing waste into it; stench appalling
& many flies p1
Stretham gets 146 evacuee p5
Stretham motor cycle accident near p7

1939 09 15 ES
Stretham wedding : Leslie Giovetti & Minnie Lowe, Cage Lane - photo p7

1939 09 20
Claude Harold Sadler, motor lorry driver & master butcher; was employed by his father 1925-1933,
then started on own as pig dealer in Green End. After three years made a bare living and in 1935
business came to a standstill. In Dec 1936 he purchased the stock and trade effects of a butcher's
business in Middle Street [Chapel Street] for £80 by bank draft on guarantee of his wife. Employed
a man for the shop and two boys to deliver the meat. The boys canvassed for sausage orders.

Installed a refrigerator but with van these taken back in 1938. At present employed as lorry driver –
39 09 20b [scan] cutt]

1939 09 22 ES

Stretham p10

schools reopened but due to number of evacuated children need to use Methodist chapel schoolroom
for infants as well as Infants school; S will work separately from London infants but at Upper
school work together
harvest thanks

1939 09 29 ES

Stretham p10

harvest thanks

wedding : Ethel Webster & Jack Badcock – photo

1939 10 ERDM

The effect of the Black Out enables folk to see the stars

1939 10 06 ES

Stretham p12

women's institute

1939 10 13 ES

Stretham p10

flag day

harvest festival

1939 10 17

Stretham lorry driver Herbert Gillett drove without care – 39 10 17

1939 10 20 ES

Stretham Herbert J Gillett, lorry driver, 18 Red Hill Farm fined & suspended from driving p5

Stretham p10

nursing association

1939 10 27 ES

Stretham nursing association year reviewed p7

1939 11 ERDM

The War has thrown everything out as it involves a sudden increase in our population, a shortening
of the working hours on week-days as well as Sundays and calls for all manner of readjustment
as there is to be no "Silence" on Nov 11 it is of great important observe National Remembrance
Sunday

1939 11 03 ES

Stretham p9

mothers' union

1939 11 10 ES

Stretham wedding : H.J. Norman & Irene Constable, S. p7

wedding : P Audrey Sadler of South View, S & Patrick Veness p7

1939 11 16

Leslie Charles Caswell of Cambridge Road summoned for riding cycle without rear light – PC
Boulton – 39 11 16d

1939 11 17 ES

Stretham p10

sale of poppies

women's institute

wedding : Robert Gillett & Florence Thompson

1939 11 24 ES

Stretham Leslie Caswell rides bike without light p3

Stretham p9

whist drive

women's bright hour

sacred concert

wedding : R.J.Peters, Hillrow & Joyce Asplin (- photo p10)

funeral : Russell Sennitt, 60; smallholder & village barber; member choir

1939 12 ERDM

Mothers Union decided that instead of usual Christmas Tea the sum saved should be spend on providing cigarettes for the men of Stretham on active service. Their names are read out at our weekly intercession services

Death Russell Sennitt, 15 Nov

In these days it is very difficult to fit in Services in the few hours available, when it is impossible to black out the church, and also, there are the dark streets and lanes

1939 12 01 ES

Stretham Ronald Bussingham affiliation case Phyllis Barber p3

Stretham p11

concert & tea celebrate Ernest Stevens wedding anniversary

whist drives

1939 12 08 ES

Stretham Hubert Searle & mother in lorry crash p7 (- photo p14)

Stretham p14

lantern lecture - local views

whist drive

1939 12 08

The Isle surveyor reported on the purchase of three cottages at Main Street, Stretham from Mr H.G. Ellwood with a view to improvement. It would not be possible to obtain possession of the site for some time. Agreed to proceed - 39 12 08

1939 12 15 ES

Stretham p13

bowls club

whist drive

women's institute

1939 12 22 ES

Stretham p11

women's bright hour

1939-45 WAR

See SB82 : B.C. Stevens' "Stretham wartime memories 1939-1945. 1995

Ely Rural Deanery Magazine notes – see SB41

Ely Standard index 1941, 42, 43,44,45 – with newspaper indexes, scanned for non-war

1939 get 146 evacuees ES 8.9.1939; use schools, 22.9.1939 [SN142];

-o-o-1940-o-o-

Ely Standard 1940 Jan 5th: Stretham stories; also others

1940 Grunty fen allotments ploughed for War Ag [SN133]

1940 Mr Dimock to organise metal dump on Ely Rd field, Jun [SN133]

1940 purchase stirrup pumps [SN133]

1940 01 ERDM

Mothers Union sent 19 parcels chocolate & cigarettes to soldiers Thetford church has been able to be blacked out & evening services resumed

1940 01 05 ES

p9

whist drive results, Bowls club

women's bright hour

women's institute

wedding Percy Dimock & Cicely Bussingham

1940 01 12 ES

accident - Wrights lorry & Searle car p4

p9

Plough Monday : many youths observed custom, good collection

funeral Mrs Eliza Ann Glover

death Albert Pope, many years landlord Chequers

1940 01 19 ES

p9

Mrs E Stevens of the Engine is making progress p9

1940 01 26 ES

p11

Sunday school treat

death Letitia Fitch

Women's institute

1940 02 ERDM

Parish room blacked out so some place in centre of village where young go in evenings

Hope to start popular Sunday evening service when I have got rid of my bronchial troubles

1940 02 02 ES

1940 02 09 ES

p11

county library - new books

Ash Wednesday, school closed, evacuated London children also given holiday

Women's institute now 21

special service for evacuated Jewish children held in school; service in Hebrew, conducted by

Miss Levi & Miss Barnett (headmistress); Barmitzvah of David Massingham, billeted with Stevens; family arrived late due roads [cutt]

1940 02 15

Church hall buildings at Stretham, Haddenham, Ely area occupied by evacuees, rates discussed – 40
02 15c

1940 02 16 ES

p10

whist drive, Brook House
women's bright hour
new teacher mixed school; Mr Mein called for army, Miss B. Pugh appointed
collection for St Dunstons

1940 02 23 ES

23rd

Albert Bond, Chequers, fined for bad blackout

p9

league of youth
Methodist church
church services, Baptist is blacked out, Methodist meet in schoolroom

1940 03 01

p11

death child, baby of T. Hobbs
charity distribution, school
women's bright hour

1940 03 08 ES

tramp knocked down on A10 p7

p11

sale furniture Fitch
Methodist church
house to house collection
Women's Institute
mothering Sunday
funeral Hobbs baby
death Leonard William Badcock, 14, diphtheria; funeral 15th p8

1940 03 15 ES

bankruptcy William Alfred Victor Pinion, garage proprietor p9

p12

Roy Routledge appointed staff Lloyds bank
death Edward Benjamin Howard
scripture exam
sports association - no open show but local one if possible

1940 03 22 ES

p11

women's bright hour

1940 03 29 ES

accident, Cambridge road corner p7
wedding, Elsdon-Sennitt

p12

vestry meeting
women's bright hour

whist drive
church services
Methodist church

death William Jarman former licensee Roy Oak 21 , years; retired with wife to Brook Lane & new bungalow on Cambridge Road ES 29 Mar 1940 [scan]

death Thomas Linton Fletcher, old soldier, 73; born and lived all life apart from Army; joined Suffolk Regt 16 Oct 1884, served in India for 7 years & in Gt War; widow, 5 sons, 3 daughters [scan, cutt]

1940 04 ERDM

A queer Lent ... war restrictions and regulations, including Black out and presence of evacuees disturb the even tenor of our ways but the many patriotic war activities in which most have engaged have made regular church activities difficult; to cap everything dreadful weather as well as unfortunate accidents have caused many illnesses as well as deaths

1940 04 05 ES

A. Jugg, Green End in accident, Haddenham p7

p11

football match, 2 army teams
county library reopens
whist drive
golden wedding John Taylor
baptist chapel bibles
womens institute
tennis club to continue
bowls club report

1940 04 12

Harold Elwood, Stretham and Edgar Stevens stored petrol without licences – 40 04 12a
wedding Reginald Sennitt p7

1940 04 12 ES

p10

ARP lecture 20 attend
Mr Jugg "no change"
women's bright hour
Methodist church Sunday school
football - army teams

school - Miss Pugh transferred to Prickwillow; mixed dept now has only 3 teachers : G.C.

Bridgeman (head), Miss J. Leeland & Miss C.S. Dimmock

death Geoff Beasley baby son, 9 month

1940 04 19 ES

p10

church annual egg service
ARP lecture; chief warden L Routledge compiling list of those requiring babies respirators
billeting - house to house canvass for evacuees
Methodist church concert

1940 04 26 ES

Tim Caswell arrested as deserter, although had not received call-up papers

p10

wedding Horace John Fletcher

1940 05 ERDM

Accident Arthur JUGG ...was gardener to late Canon Cockshott and worked Stitt 1906-1914

1940 05 03 ES

p10

recreation ground prepared for summer sport
ARP - 24 babies fitted with respirators in church hall

1940 05 10 ES

p9

trip to Ely for Messiah
Ascension day, schools closed
womens institute
waste paper collection arranged

1940 05 17 ES

p9

waste paper
whitsun holiday spoon drives
national savings group formed
baptist chapel
death Percival Sennitt, former resident; funeral 24th p5

1940 05 24 ES

nurse Lowe of Haddenham - her record p7

p10

Feast, no parade, first time for many years but still visitors; Feast Tuesday cricket match as usual; some roundabouts arrived
United service called
accident Cambridge road corner
jumble sale

1940 05 31 ES

Women's Institute combine with Ely for meeting p3

p9

county library
evacuees Robert Montefiore school organise collection
sports : no show this year
ARP to demonstrate incendiary bomb & use gas mask
van dweller, visiting for feast, cuts arm
prayers for peace

1940 06 ERDM

Look forward to united service of prayer ... strange coincidence that Rev A.R. Routledge and I still survive to organise a service similar to the one we arranged under great difficulty in 1914. I remember the first Garden Fete was held in 1915 in aid of Red Cross

1940 06 07

Brotherhood Member.—We have to record the death of Mr. Ernest Porter, who passed away suddenly at his home at Histon on May 31, aged 80 years. For many years the late Mr. Porter resided in Jesus Lane, Cambridge, and was on the committee of the Cambridge and District Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and was literary secretary of the same movement. He was also an honorary member of the St. Audrey Lodge of Freemasons. A native of Ely, he was a brother of the

late Mr. Holland Rose Porter, of Stretham, and of the late Mrs. Granger, of Vineyard House, Ely.
His wife was a daughter of the late Mr. William Sennitt.

funeral Ernest Porter of Histon p3
epic of Dunkirk withdrawal p5
p9
heifer struck by lightening
red cross collection
school closed so elder children help singling beet; councillor Bayliss wants check make sure they
do
home front meeting on recreation ground - carry gas mask etc
national savings group
ARP pas exam; shown how to deal with incendiary bomb in Red Lion inn yard & gas in
cloakroom Infants school
womens institute 21st party

1940 06 12

Evacuee killed in crash, Stretham – Gerald Cohen staying with Albert Holiday – 40 06 12a

1940 06 14 ES

evacuee killed - ran across Ely road; foster mother Mrs Albert G Holliday
p10
savings
Methodist church anniversary

1940 06 21 ES

soldier killed, Pte Matthew William Bidwell, Further farm p5
p10
waste paper - payment for 1st consignment
parish council to purchase stirrup pumps, establish iron dump
national savings
Baptist chapel
funeral evacuee child at London
Methodist church anniversary

1940 06 28 ES

soldier killed, Pte Matthew William Bidwell, Further farm, pic p5
p7
savings
bowls club

1940 07 ERDM

Garden party out of the question ... whole community is beginning to get together and pull together
as one team

1940 07 05 ES

p10
nursing association
united intercession service
death Mary Ann Drever
womens institute

1940 07 12 ES

p10
national savings

Mr Jugg has had leg amputated following accident
weekday intercession services

1940 07 19 ES

picture : Ely's pots and pans for aeroplanes p5

p10

national savings

1940 07 26 ES

p10

nursing association

lost property sale

aluminium collection

1940 08 ERDM

Feel the village is beginning to pull more together, that the faithful few are pulling their weight more than ever, that plausible time servers are being found out

1940 08 02 ES

scholars given 1d dozen for butterflies p5

p10

picture : wedding J.F. Cross

Mrs Veal, WVS has message

national savings

record local knitting

School holidays

scrap metal - field adjacent Mill House on Ely road

daffodil day

Baptist treat in field with sports

1940 08 09 ES

p10

Methodist church lady preacher

bank holiday celebrated - cricket match

Methodist treat

death Lavinia Goode, housekeeper Walter Murfitt

1940 08 16 ES

p10

national savings

900 attachments to be fitted to respirators

church Sunday school

1940 08 23 ES

p10

national savings

ARP : most respirators adapted

salvage

1940 08 30 ES

p10

evacuees - expect 80 more; every house not presently taking them will be needed at short notice

wedding (non village)

1940 09 ERDM

Sunday school treat on Rectory Lawn reminded us of the days over 30 years ago when there were no buses or cheap excursions to the sea. We are living from day to day at present so difficult to plan ahead except to look forward with faith and expectancy to our Victory Thanksgiving

1940 09 20

death of P.G. Lowe (ES whole paper) [cutt]

1940 10 ERDM

Death Percy George Lowe, the ideal citizen

1940 10 24

Wilburton evacuee killed in accident, Stretham Road – 40 10 24a

1940 11 25

Stretham evacuee death, London driver heavily fined – two girls walking from Wilburton, one carrying child who knocked from her arms, Mrs Williamson wheeling pram – 40 11 25a CDN

-o-o- 1941 -o-o-

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1941 01 10

John Henry Sadler, South View, Wilburton Rd, Stretham fined for drinking at Chequers; spotted by PC Boulton – 41 01 10c CDN

1941 01 03 ES

Stretham p9

soldiers fund - 44 local soldiers will receive 9/-

1941 01 10 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

schools reopen

charity distribution

evacuee's party - 200 billeted children and children of homes taking evacuees - bread, jelly etc; then by bus to Ely cinema

women's institute party

1941 01 10

John Henry Sadler, South View, Wilburton Rd, Stretham fined for drinking at Chequers; spotted by PC Boulton – 41 01 10c

1941 01 17

A giant mandrake.—From Stretham comes the news that whilst engaged on Stowbridge, Mr. H. C. Holliday discovered a fine specimen of a mandrake (writes Watchman). It weighed over 30lbs, excluding the smaller side roots, and is 30½ inches round at the thickest part. Many consider it the largest they have ever seen, and the finder believes that its seed was carried from 'somewhere' by birds. Any doubters as to its size may inspect the root—on payment of 3d. for the Comforts for Troops Fund.

1941 01 17 ES

Stretham p8

mothers' union

women's institute choir

girls club - Miss Hockcliffe talks

blind collection

H.C. Holliday finds large mandrake root
women's bright hour party

1941 01 24 ES

Stretham p7

national savings
childrens meeting

C.H. Westley calle dup; village postman for 6 years & auxiliary for 5 yrs before; successor

Richard Clark, sone of postmaster

knitting : Mrs E. Stevens, Engine House has knitted 200 ozs of wool

death : William Lowe, Cage Lane; one oldest residents

1941 01 24

W.E. Rayner of Stretham fined for allowing cattle to stray, Cambridge Rd – 41 01 24a

1941 01 31 ES

Stretham gipsy steals hens from Alfred Cyril parish's chicken houses, Cambridge road p5

evacuees : Haddenham man lets house subject to demolition order p7

Stretham p8

women's bright hour

girls club

Lieut Commander George Stitt appointed to HMS George V; is vice-president various village clubs

1941 02 03 ES

Stretham p9

soldiers fund - 44 local soldiers will receive 9/-

1941 02 07 ES

Stretham p8

diphtheria immunisation for children

women's bright hour

women's institute

air raid warnings, problems now whistles only when incendiary bombs falling; no plans for siren in village

death : Henry Driver, Green End, 68

1941 02 14 ES

Stretham p8

mothers' union

girls club

Sunday school prize-giving

war weapons week - aid for £6,000

1941 02 21 ES

Stretham p8

schoolgirls knit comforts for troops

women's bright hour

war weapons week public meeting; Home Guard practice postponed

Methodist chapel Sunday school

1941 02 28 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

Ash Wednesday - schools close

war weapons week enquiries room opened 3-8 pm
Baptist chapel bibles presentation
St Dunstan's
ARP lectures attended by Home Guard
charity annual school distribution

1941 03 ERDM

Church attendance extremely depressing ... make allowance for inconvenient hour and crowding of services ... atrocious weather, people sick ... many young people away ...

1941 03 07 ES

Stretham p8

home missions

war weapons week

county council debate ARP matters, shelters, equipment, sirens - one at Haddenham to cover Wilburton and Stretham?; Steel questions decontamination and gas masks at Haddenham p9

1941 03 14 ES

Stretham p7

air raid warnings : during blackout with long blasts on whistles and all clear by handbells; no day warnings as wardens not on duty

Women's Institute consider jam centre & wartime cookery

Baptist chapel

war weapons week - Dean of Ely speaks

death : Mrs Emily J Routledge, wife rev A.R. Routledge; they came to S from London 53 years ago, he Minister of Mission Hall; she taught Sunday school p7

1941 03 21 ES

Stretham p7

war weapons week reached £12,562

A.R.P. wardens are T.W. Mason (head warden), G Neville (deputy head warden), J. Woolf, L Routledge, E Rash, H Papworth, J Fletcher, S Harley, C O Clarke, E Webster; new wardens enrolled are H Fletcher, P Fletcher, E Collings, J Murfitt & P Russell.

death : Mrs Ellen Clark of Sheringham; at Post Office p7

1941 03 28 ES

Stretham p8

waifs & strays collection

waste paper collection by schoolchildren

national day of prayer

school air raid shelters now completed; of the surface type they are constructed of brick and coated with pitch

wardens to inspect children's gas masks

cookery demonstration

women's bright hour

girls club

1941 04 ERDM

Noticeable the gradual denudation of the parish of our young people, especially the young men; there are already 64 names on intercession list for those who joined force & those left have to do double duty

heavy burden on women attended to sick and aged but also care of other people's children evacuated from bombed regions

Mr Routledge worked as pastor of mission Hall for well over 50 years always aided and inspired by his faithful wife, mother of 5 sons of whom surviving four are outstanding and valuable members of

community; one gave up life WWI. In spite of church differences we both rejoice in working together for Lord ... his wife Emily died

1941 04 04 ES

Stretham p8

women's bright hour

women's institute

bowls club annual meeting

1941 04 11 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

Band of Hope children's meeting

Easter holidays for schools, Jews will celebrate Passover

death : Walter William Dimmock, 70; previously one of village carriers making weekly journey to Cambridge & Ely & taking passengers in van as well as eggs etc

1941 04 18 ES

Stretham p8

women's bright hour usual open service Good Friday

Easter : despite travel difficulties were number of visitors, including friends of evacuees

1941 04 25 ES

evacuees : alarmed at arrival of more, voluntary billeting ends, officer resigns; big epidemic expected this Summer p5 & p7

Stretham p8

national savings

women's bright hour

sand for public - wardens to fill bags, available from opposite police house and from pond

RAF concert

women's institute choir in Chatteris musical festival

death : Walter Donald Norman, 32

1941 05 ERDM

Death Walter William Dimock ... well known in his carrier's cart accompanied by wife who died some years ago

1941 05 02 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

Red Cross concert

1941 05 09 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

schoolchildren Gerald Woolf & Iris Scarff win high marks

cricket & bowls clubs to carry on

1941 05 16 ES

Stretham p8

spoon drive

national savings

salvage - 14 cwt waste paper collected

dance

feast week : no arrangements for parade

death : Mrs Annie Barber, widow John J

Baptist chapel

AFS tackle first s in old Spring Brewery, Akeman House which used by G Dimmock, occupier, as a store shed; within 6 minutes AFS on scene; hoses soon connected up and with skilful action prevented blaze spreading to house itself. Traffic diverted by special constables. 87 chickens destroyed

evacuees : parish room to be used as social centre for adult evacuees 3 afternoons a week; evacuees form committee; books and games provided; hoped 60 people will use it

1941 05 23 ES

Stretham Eb Yarrow's call up papers go astray, as did Tim Caswell's previously p5

Stretham p7

spoon drive

Ascension day closes schools

Feast : no parade or amusements; cricket match postponed

dance organised by Home Guard

bowls club

1941 05 30 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

schools close for Whitsun

spoon drive

Methodist chapel scholars concert

1941 ERDM

Annie Barber died May 10 widow John Barber - 1st couple Stitt married

1941 06 06 ES

Stretham Able Seaman Billy Goad in hospital wounded following sinking of HMS Mashona after taking part in Bismark hunt - photo p4

wedding Constance "Betty" Collings & John C. Edwards p5

"Ely evacuee thrown out by council" allegation p5

Stretham p8

Whitsun visitors included parents of evacuees

British sailors society collection

spoon drive

death : Mrs Elizabeth Ann Jarman, widow William, 80, several years landlady Royal Oak

1941 06 13 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

Methodist chapel Sunday school anniversary

1941 06 20 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

diphtheria immunisation

Red cross gala planned

death George Acred, 66

1941 06 27 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

spoon drive

Gerald Woolf wins scholarship

death : Mrs Mary Jane Russell, widow Andrew, 78
evacuee nearly drowns in river
Baptist chapel anniversary
Albert Message celebrates golden wedding, moved S 14 years ago
funeral : Mrs Laura Ann West

1941 07 04 ES

Stretham p8

national savings
spoon drive
jam centre makes 100 lbs gooseberry jam; fruit being preserved at Grove House
women's institute
funeral : Mary Jane Russell

1941 07 11 ES

Stretham p8

national savings
bowls
nurse Cook on holiday
death : Mrs Sarah Ann Batty, 76, had lived with brother W.W. Dimock
death : Harry Lowe's daughter Doris

1941 07 18 ES

Stretham p8

national savings
spoon drive
death : John Robert Hicks, 86, oldest male

1941 07 25 ES

Stretham Pc Boulton, transferred S Oct 1934, keen billiards & bowls player, appointed Serg -
photo p5

Stretham p8

national savings
school holidays
spoon drive
Pc Boulton's promotion - always official, never officious, will leave for Littleport
Red Cross sale

1941 07 31

Stretham Strict Baptist Chapel win scripture examination shield – names – 41 07 31 CDN

1941 08 01 ES

Stretham p8

national savings collectors now have badges
baptist chapel Sunday school & exam success - photo
fire watching : meeting to discuss watching corn crops, poorly attended, no action
gala day
bowls club

1941 08 08 ES

Stretham raises £150 for Red Cross p1

Stretham p8

spoon drive
butterflies collected by children; headmaster pays 1d dozen for those destroyed
fishing match

1941 08 15 ES

Stretham p7

Methodist chapel school treat

Methodist chapel anniversary

Stretham wedding Lce Corp John Henry Howe to Joan Bedford of Adelaide p8

1941 08 22 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

Ely beet factory want workers

Red Cross result

1941 08 29 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

air raid distress emblems sold

1941 09 05 ES

Stretham p7

spoon drive

air raid distress fund

girls club opens winter session

women's institute

1941 09 12 ES

Stretham p7

spoon drive

national savings

Aaron Gillet's granddaughter was "blitz baby", now 1 year old

National day of prayer

wedding : Betty Gillson & Stanley Jefferson (- photo p8)

1941 09 19 ES

Stretham p8

spoon drive

national savings

wedding : Reginald Caswell & Agnes Craig

1941 09 26 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

Barnardo's collection

WEA lectures considered

RAC box at Cambridge road corner demolished in accident

evacuee school celebrate Jewish new year

Baptist chapel harvest festival

AFS practice & take part in Ely demonstration

bowls club spoon drive

1941 10 03 ES

Stretham p7

RAF collection

spoon drive

national savings
methodist chapel harvest thanksgiving

1941 10 08

Mrs Harriet Eliza Wheeler of Ely Road, Stretham, knocked down and killed by motor cyclist – 41
10 08

1941 10 10 ES

Stretham wedding : G Bareham & Miss E Neville - photo p5 (account p7)

Stretham road fatality - Harriet Wheeler, 78, knocked down by army despatch motor cyclist; traffic extremely heavy with convoy p6; she came to village 47 years ago when husband appointed headmaster; quiet disposition; 2 of 3 sons killed in last war, surviving son in Twickenham, daughter in Canada, funeral p7

Stretham p7

Sunday school children taken to cinema
Addenbrooke's contributory scheme
church harvest festival
women's institute
wedding : Emily Langford & W.E. (Jack) Reeve
wedding : Joan Bullman & Percy Elsegood (- photo p8)

1941 10 17 ES

Stretham p8

national savings
Driver Andrew Murfitt ill with typhoid in Middle East; formerly chauffeur at Rectory & air raid warden
wedding : Vera Papworth & William (Harry) Cross

1941 10 18

Mrs Harriet Eliza Wheeler of Ely Road, Stretham, knocked down and killed by motor cyclist – 41
10 18 CDN

1941 10 24

Loss to Wicken. The many friends of Mr. Robert L. Fuller, of Spinney Abbey, Wicken, will learn with regret of the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife who passed away on Saturday at the age of 67 years. The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fuller, of Padney Farm, Wicken, she was married to Mr. Robert Fuller at St. Laurence Church, Wicken, on September 16, 1903, and they had lived at Spinney Abbey ever since. Many Cambridge friends had at one time or another enjoyed her kindly hospitality there. Mrs. Fuller was a devoted member of Stretham Parish Church, and took a keen interest in the welfare of the Wicken Almshouses and Nursing Association.

1941 10 24 ES

Stretham p7

national savings
WEA course organised

1941 10 31 ES

Grunty Fen drainage : in 1860 GF paid Littleport 7 Downham to take their water; about 1930 GF drain so poor condition that adjoining Littleport district not sufficiently drained; L. to maintain drain from Alderforth to Crooked Drain for payment from GF. War ag now pressing for improvement but this would cost L £40,000 & GF land worth only £15 per acre p3

Stretham p8

girls club
schools close 2 weeks help beet and potato harvest; infants & evacuee school to remain open
Home Guard organise dance for Soldiers transport fund - men arriving lat at Ely station

1941 11 ERDM

Sunday school children taken to pictures ... bus difficulty owing to army movement was surmounted; the tragedy of the evening cast a gloom over a pleasant day... it was eventful
Tragic death Mrs Wheeler ...

1941 11 07 ES

Stretham Italian subject of Reeve's bungalow, Ely Road fined for not reporting change of address
p1

Stretham Driver A. Murfitt dies in Middle East, typhoid; elder son of George Murfitt - the first S man to lose life in present war - photo p5

Stretham p8

- mothers' union
- women's bright hour
- women's institute
- whist drive

1941 11 14 ES

Stretham remembrance service & memorial for Murfitt p6

Stretham p7

- national savings
- pink ration books, for canned goods, distributed
- poppies sold

1941 11 21 ES

Stretham p8

- national savings
- poppies raise 13.16.9
- death : Miss Cooper, staying with A.R. Routledge
- death : Mrs Martn, widow John, Quarterway House
- whist drive organised by Home Guard

1941 11 28 ES

Stretham p8

- national savings
- collection for Ely moral welfare centre
- women's bright hour
- Red Cross collection
- nursing association annual meeting

1941 12 ERDM

Remembrance Sunday parade of Home Guard and A.R.P.; new and well-known name added to list of victorious heroes: Driver Andrew Murfitt

1941 12 05 ES

Stretham p8

- national savings
- women's institute
- whist drive

1941 12 12 ES

Stretham p7

- national savings
- girls club
- women's bright hour

blind collection
first aid meeting

1941 12 26 ES

Stretham p7

whist drive for forces

evacuees : distribution of prizes for Jewish Religion classes; play "Judas Maccabeus"; names of prize-winners; fortunate in having interested foster parents
ope, daughter late G Perry Sennitt

-o-o- 1942 -o-o-

1942 Hiam's farms managers address staff; Stretham farm group 1378 acres under Sid Harley, are still cottages on estates which are a disgrace [SB60]

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1942 01 02 ES

Stretham wedding William Gordon Neville of Oakley House & Elsie Harley of Chittering Farm - photo - p5 (account p7)

Stretham p7

Christmas services

in memoriam : wreath laid in memory Andrew Murfitt, died in Middle East

children parties

1942 01 09 ES

Stretham Pte Ray Townsend, son of Mrs J.J. Withers of Braham cottages, formerly of Stretham, celebrates 21st p5

Stretham p8

women's institute

charity distribution

first aid

Sun Inn sent cigarettes to servicing men, 39 during 1941; those in village to collect from Sun others will be sent - committee chairman H.C. Holliday

1942 01 16 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

1942 01 23 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

WEA lectures

girls club presentation to Daisy Papworth who getting married

1st aid - weekly lecture

women's bright Hour

1942 01 30 ES

Stretham house, shop, bakehouse property R.C. Routledge assessed for rates p1

Stretham wedding Daisy Papworth & W.W. Croxon - photo p4

Stretham p7

national savings

county library book exchange

school collection

1942 02 06 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

death : Miss Dewey Cropley, several years nurse in family of Sir William Mallinson of

Walthamstow

Red Cross service

1942 02 13 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

film show

whist drive

1942 02 20 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

ash Wednesday schools closed

first aid

women's bright Hour

1942 02 27 ES

Stretham Cpl John Henry Howe kia Far East; had married Adelaide girl in August; joined Territorials May 1939 & called up at outbreak; previously in employ H. Lowe, poultry farmer; of cheery disposition was well-liked & well-known in Stretham - photo p5

Stretham p7

national savings

whist drive

obit : Mrs Hannah Taylor ... came to village some years ago

1942 03 ERDM

Death in action in Far East of John Howe - Malaysia

1942 03 06 ES

Stretham p8

whist drive

women's bright Hour

charity distribution

1942 03 13 ES

Stretham p7

Jew Free school entertain

whist drive

lantern lecture

1942 03 20 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

mothering Sunday special service

women's bright Hour

scripture exams

1942 03 27 ES

Stretham p6

national savings

first aid

thanks for warship collection

1942 04 03 ES

Stretham Pte Douglas Albert Gibbs missing in Malaya; joined Territorials age 17; at Singapore at capitulation; previously apprenticed Gibson, butcher of Wilburton p1

Stretham p6

national savings

National day of prayer

women's bright Hour

Canadian soldier visits - as young boy from Dr Banardos lived with John Hicks for considerable time; left 32 years ago

1942 04 10 ES

Stretham p8

home nursing course

applications for council houses due

women's institute

girls club

evacuees celebrate Passover in parish hall

1942 04 17 ES

Stretham missing in Malaya : Pte Alec George Thompson; one other son in Army, 2 sons-in-law in Navy; Pte Tom Pearson - photo p1

Stretham soldiers death - Bdr Kenneth G Neville of Oakley House; wounded in back in North of England during target practice; 24, partner in haulage firm of A. Neville & sons; funeral at church with guard of honour - photo p1

Stretham p6

national savings

women's bright Hour

Baptist chapel

1942 04 24

Stretham p5

national savings

bowls club

1942 05 ERDM

Death Kenneth Neville owing to shooting accident

1942 05 01

Stretham p6

national savings

life-boat day

home nursing

WVS : in event of blitz on Cambridge or in event of state of emergency the Infants school is to be used as a rest centre where people from affected area can find temporary accommodation;

volunteers required

women's' bright hour

St Dunstan's collection

1942 05 08

Stretham p6

national savings

Feast Sunday plans : try for parade with Ely ATC band

scripture exam results

1942 05 15 ES

Stretham p5

Women's Institute
feast Sunday arrangements
Baptist chapel anniversary

1942 05 22 ES

Stretham old custom revived : feast parade, ATC band, Home Guard, cadet corps, 2 vans, one nursing van, other May Day scene; congregation included Observer corps, local fire staff & air raid wardens ... p1

Stretham p6

daisy day
schools close for Ascension day
savings group
inspection of gas masks, to issue ration books
women's bright hour

1942 05 29 ES

Stretham p6

first aid

ARP to have demonstration on gas contaminated clothes, near Post office, others can attend
death William Mason, 85; lived with sister Miss E Mason at the Bungalow .. built by their great-grandfather 200 years ago. Great part of his life spent in Burnley where pioneers of spiritualist movement & a president of Lyceum Union. He had a confectioners business in Burnley which sold and returned to native village 29 years ago. For a few years he owned and worked Stretham windmill. Gt music lover, bass voice. Service in house conducted by Ben Carter of Halifax ...

1942 06 ERDM

Feast Sunday deprived of usual fair but successful ... members Defence Services, Home Guard, Firemen, ARP, Royal Observer Corps & nurses parade village headed by ATS band ... owing to Home Guard operations the Home Guard band unable to play in evening

1942 06 05 ES

Stretham p6

national savings
anchor day

Malaya : having heard no news of William Hobbs family write to War Office, learn he posted as "missing"

Methodist chapel

1942 06 08

Stretham road fatality : Sheila May Hobbs, 5, ran in front of lorry near Home Guard hut p1
42 06 08 CDN scan]

1942 06 12 ES

Stretham p6

national savings
Baptist chapel
bowls club
women's bright hour
Red Cross thanks
Methodist chapel Sunday school anniversary - Martin Lane conducts

1942 06 19 ES

Stretham p5

national savings

Baptist chapel Sunday school

1942 06 26 ES

Stretham p6

national savings

bowls club

home nursing

meat pie scheme : public meeting; Mrs Smith undertakes to distribute pies at Grove House one evening a week; 60 have enrolled for scheme

1942 07 ERDM

Tragic death Sheila Hobs, child, 6 Jun

These are critical days

1942 07 03 ES

Stretham p6

national savings

pie scheme now in operation

women's bright hour

Henry Wright has freak egg

Baptist chapel anniversary

1942 07 10 ES

Stretham C.Q.M.S. Donald F Horton missing in Middle East; not surprising as three weeks ago his brother listening to German broadcast and heard name given, captured in Libya. Was first young man to be conscripted from village before outbreak of war & rapidly gained promotion. Sent to France with BEF & amongst last evacuated from Dunkirk, having fought rearguard action. Previously worked for Co-op - photo p1

Stretham p7

national savings

bowls club

flag day

Montefiore school collect for Gt Ormond street

home nursing results

1942 07 17 ES

Stretham p6

national savings

bowls

wedding : Edna Feetham & Gunner Percy Credidio

death : Thomas Parker, formerly of East Ham, 72, living in village for 12 months

1942 07 24 ES

Stretham p6

national savings

mothers' union

women's bright hour

Methodist chapel

St John Ambulance brigade

1942 07 31 ES

Stretham p5

national savings

bowls club
wounded in Far East : Pte Douglas Gibbs, formerly missing, now known to be wounded on Feb
13th
Baptist chapel Sunday school
Methodist chapel Sunday school

1942 08 07 ES
Stretham p5
spoon drive
nurse's holiday
school close for holiday; mixed & Montefiore in 2 parts, July-Sept & then Oct

1942 08 14 ES
Stretham p6
bowls club spoon drive
pie scheme continues

1942 08 28 ES
Stretham p6
schools to reopen
hospital contributions
SJAB

1942 09 ERDM
Sunday school treat cinema & circus

1942 09 04 ES
Stretham p6
spoon drive
national savings
women's bright hour
women's institute

1942 09 18 ES
Stretham p7
bowls club

1942 09 25 ES
Stretham p7
spoon drive
Dr Barnardo's flag day
Methodist chapel
Baptist chapel harvest festival

1942 09 25
funeral Mrs A. Nash (Acred) [cutt]

1942 10 02 ES
Stretham p7
spoon drive
national savings
Schools close for 2nd part holiday; elder children will assist in potato fields
hospital contributions
women's bright hour
parish church

1942 10 09 ES

Stretham p8

Hole Guard exercises, with Wilburton

women's institute

women's bright hour

bowls club

red cross singer - Fred Gibson

P.W. Routledge transfers from Ely to Bedford, village loses one of most public-spirited residents
... clerk to parish council, Charity trustee, school correspondent, treasurer of sports association.
chairman nursing association, treasurer village savings group

Methodist chapel harvest festival

1942 10 16 ES

Stretham p8

mothers' union

1942 10 23 ES

Stretham p6

county library exchange

schools to reopen

Methodist chapel girls club

WEA

1942 10 30 ES

Stretham p6

outsize carrot

SJAB gas lectures

weekend exercises : all took part from 6pm Sat to 11am Sunday; Methodist chapel schoolroom
served as emergency hospital to which a number of "casualties" were sent

evacuees : owing to declining numbers Miss E. Levy recalled to London where there is urgent
need for more teachers; she came at outbreak of war & interested in life of community

women's bright hour

1941 11 ERDM

Blackout means afternoon services

1942 11 06 ES

Stretham p6

national savings

death : David Howard, Preston terrace; came village 10 years ago from Lt Thetford; widow is
bed-ridden

1942 11 13 ES

Stretham remembrance Sunday

Stretham p6

red cross

poppy day

women's bright hour

nursing association financial year

lecture on new German bombs

youth club : public meet to form

golden wedding : J Sindall

1942 11 20 ES

Stretham Henry Wright, haulier fined for misuse of petrol in car; coal merchant & haulage
contractor with 5 lorries p1

Stretham p6

- civil defence service & church bells rung for victory in Egypt
- poppy day results
- whist drive
- death Mrs S Hopkins, wife of John; came from Wales to teach local school & lived all married life in village
- nursing association

1942 11 27 ES

Stretham p6

- nursing association
- pie scheme : to continue
- women's bright hour
- whist drive

1942 12 04 ES

Stretham p7

- collection
- charity trustees
- women's institute
- death : Miss Gertrude Martha King, 75, came to Stretham 23 years ago and with sister (late Mrs Bayliss) owned a business in the High St, also being village postmistress

1942 12 11 ES

Stretham p6

- blind collection
- national savings
- PoW fund
- accident : Miss Edith Walker, crossing road, broke leg
- women's bright hour
- Baptist chapel
- evacuees school : prize giving

1942 12 18 ES

Stretham p5

- ARP course
- SJAB
- post-war needs talk
- Jewish service for mass massacres of Jews in German lands; all Jews attended
- death : William Beasley, 79, b. Stretham; stout nonconformist & for 25 years Sunday school teacher at Mission Hall

1942 12 25 ES

Stretham p6

- Baptist chapel young peoples meeting
- women's bright hour
- Methodist chapel carols

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1943

Stretham Engine : C.O. Clarke succeeds Ernest Stevens (till 1974) [SB47]

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1943 01 01 ES

Stretham p5

Christmas parties & celebrations

London county council organise party evacuated schoolchildren in Parish Hall; paper hats etc
although catering difficult

Methodist chapel party

Sun helping hand club pay out to 33 members, elect officials

1943 01 08 ES

Stretham p6

Baptist chapel

Air training corps ; unit to be established at Wilburton

women's institute

wedding : William Drever of "Ivydene", Stretham

1943 01 15 ES

Stretham p6

postmen wanted

national savings

1943 01 22 ES

Stretham p5

charity trustees

evacuees death : Abraham Arotzky, evacuated with wife

Baptist chapel

women's bright hour

1943 01 29

Stretham sailor Leading Seaman William "Billy" Goad, 21, wins Albert Medal : went over ships side on a line in water below freezing to rescue unconscious man - heavy seas, might have been washed away. He very popular in village, joined Navy aged 16, Has sister in A.T.S. & brother in Far East p1 [cutt]

1943 01 29 ES

Stretham p6

Baptist chapel lantern lecture

death : Richard John Everitt, 79, lived all life in village

February 5th

Stretham p5

national savings

women's bright hour

whist drive

wedding Peter Leslie Swan, formerly of S

women's institute

Baptist chapel

1943 02 12 ES

Stretham p6

Ely ATC church parade
Baptist chapel
women's bright hour

1943 02 19 ES

Stretham p5

St Valentine Old custom of visiting houses and wishing "Good morning Valentine" kept up by 5 girls

Baptist chapel visited by Aldreth
parade organised by Home Guard; procession to church & around village, looking smart in uniforms

1943 02 26 ES

Stretham p6

WEA
SJAB
Mrs John Murfitt, Chapel Sq., 89, 2nd oldest inhabitant; large family
Baptist chapel

1943 03 05 ES

March 5th

Stretham p5

national savings
Women's bright hour
charity distribution
B.A. Christmas received his MBE, wife and children in village 2 years
Baptist chapel
women's institute

1943 03 12 ES

Stretham p5

gas mask inspection
Aid to Russia collection
SJAB pass gas exam
fire at Red Hill Farm, local NFS fight it
Baptist chapel
wedding Gunner C.C. Badcock in Scotland; honeymoon in S.

1943 03 19 ES

Stretham p6

Ash Wednesday, schools closed
red cross
women's bright hour
Baptist chapel "shipwreck" evening
Audrey Neville coming-of-age party
wedding : Gunner Frank Sadler of 32 Cambridge Road to Edna Bell of Pelton Fell; honeymoon at Stretham
Methodist chapel
death : Emily, wife Herbert Canham, 64

1943 03 26 ES

Stretham p6

SJAB form cadet division

wings for victory - meeting re plans
Baptist chapel

1943 04 02 ES

Stretham Home Guard - letter from Africa to J Cockerton who now promoted to 2nd Lieutenant
Stretham p5

women's institute
WVS lectures
national savings
Baptist chapel
parish meeting
Wings for Victory : few attend; S. Smith elected chair; to try for Beaufighter costing £8,000
women's bright hour

1943 04 09 ES

Stretham p5

WVS meetings
SJAB
women's institute
girls club annual party, Mrs Petty supervised
Baptist chapel
girls club dance
wedding : Joan Jugg & Edwin Burchell - photo
Stretham airman Arthur Diver, in South Africa - photo p6

1943 04 16 ES

Stretham p5

mothers' union
SJAB certificates
women's bright hour
Baptist chapel
Red Cross concert

1943 04 23 ES

Stretham p6

spoon drive
Baptist chapel
bowls club annual meeting

1943 04 30 ES

Stretham p6

Easter celebrations
whist drive
evacuees celebrate Passover
Methodist chapel Good Friday service

1943 05 07 ES

Stretham p5

national savings
Wings for Victory meeting
May Day, old custom of "May Lady" revived

1943 05 14 ES

Stretham p5

flag day

- mothers' union
- women's bright hour
- St Dunstons collection
- "Wings for Victory" meeting report
- Baptist chapel

1943 05 21 ES

Stretham "Wings" exhibition of model aircraft in Post office window p5

Stretham p6

- spoon drive
- bowls club opening
- feast week uneventful - no parade, people journeyed to see Haddenham "Wings" activity; no fun fair but cricket match held
- E.J. Dimock known to be interned in Malayan camp - 15 months with no news; his wife had escaped to Australia
- wedding : Dora Murfitt & Harold Milburn - photo

1943 05 28 ES

Stretham "Wings" reach £10,000 p3

Stretham p6

- daisy day collection
- death : H.W. Harris, in early life had travelled and man of intellect; came to village many years ago and with father kept a general stores which he continued till his death
- SJAB
- women's bright hour
- Sailors society collection
- Sunday evening parade in connection Red Cross; processed village with Home Guard etc
- wedding : Irene Crow & Trooper Jack Thistlethwaite - photo

1943 06 04 ES

Stretham Pte Tom Pearson reported prisoner Jap - no news since "missing" after Singapore, Feb 1942 - photo p1

Stretham Mrs Ellen Caswell, 7 Cambridge Rd dies after fall from cycle, 53

- death Miss Lily Smoothy. sister of Ada Sennitt; killed in air raid on south coast town p1

Stretham p6

- spoon drive
- flag day
- women's institute
- scripture exam
- Baptist chapel Sunday school
- Red Cross
- funeral : H.W. Harris; before coming to S over 30 years ago was secretary for YMCA Headquarters, London

1943 06 11 ES

Stretham death Audrey Matthews, 6, of Brookside cottages, Cambridge Rd - ran in front of army truck p1

Stretham p5

- spoon drive
- national savings
- women's bright hour
- Red Cross sale
- Methodist chapel anniversary

1943 06 18 ES

Stretham p6

schools to reopen after Whitsun

RAF hospital : with so many villages smaller than S "adopting" wards at a RAF Hospital, S might follow suit - meeting called

home Guard : Lce-Cpl C. Taylor & Lce-Cpl R Parish pass proficiency test on rifle and Spigot mortar gun

Red cross sale

spoon drive

funeral Audrey Matthews in accordance with beliefs of Jehovah's witnesses to which parents belong

1943 06 25 ES

Stretham wedding Petty Officer W. Goad, RN "Albert Medal hero" to Sally Hughes - photo p1

Stretham p6

women's institute will help at sale

Ministry of Information films at Wilburton Rd hut

women's bright hour

bowls club

Baptist chapel

1943 07 ERDM

Lily Smoothy killed in air raid when visiting friends Bournemouth

Ellen Caswell died from fall off her bicycle

Village hero William Goad married Sarah Hughes

1943 07 02 ES

Stretham p6

bowls club

waifs & strays

RAF ward : unanimously agree to adopt ward

Lieut-Comdr George Stitt publishes book "HMS Wideawake (Allen & Unwin)

1943 07 09 ES

Stretham p5

penny-a-week fund

bowls drive

women's bright hour

sjab exam results

evacuees : Sidney Epstein confirmed; 33 trees planted in Palestine in names of Robert

Montefiore school, S who have contributed to fund to rescue Jewish children from persecution in

Nazi-controlled Europe

RAF cmte - to send gifts

1943 07 16 ES

Stretham p6

Red cross sale

ARP to inspect civilian gasmasks at Infants school

1943 07 23 ES

Stretham Home Guard v Chittering Home guard, cricket p5

Stretham p6

bowls club

RAF hospital - thanks

Pearl & Sheila Chapman sell flowers for charity

Alfred Reeve celebrates Golden wedding; married 1893 by Cockshott. House one of oldest in S with its picturesque thatched roof and walls plastered and white-washed on outside

Methodist chapel Sunday school

Baptist chapel Sunday school

1943 07 30 ES

Stretham hero William Goad receives award from King p1

Pte John W Wesley is POW japs - photo p1

Stretham effort for Red Cross, keen support for sale and competitions p4

Stretham p6

NSPCC collection

national savings

Methodist chapel anniversary

1943 08 06

Stretham p8

school closure

Red cross sale results - approx £720

1943 08 13 ES

Stretham p6

nursing association

Red cross sale results

1943 08 20 ES

Stretham p6

bowls club

Fred Gibson to visit

1943 08 24

Stretham man retires after 40 years in Market Place. Mr J. Hopkins, of Stretham retires from Cambridge market after having never missed a single Saturday in the last 40 years. It was nearly 60 years ago when he first made the journey with his parents and he is the last of a long line of traders who regularly brought their poultry, eggs and butter from the Isle of Ely to be disposed of in Cambridge Market.

Mr. Hopkins told of some of the changes he has seen. "The market as I first knew it was quite different from what it is to-day. On the north side were two rows of stalls which sold poultry, eggs and butter, and on the east side were two double rows of stalls all selling English meat. All produce was plentiful— but money scarce— and it was seldom that a clearance was made before nightfall. Eggs were 16 a shilling then, and butter was sold by the yard, at prices ranging from 1/- to 1/3d. This was before the last war. It was the custom at that time for the keeper of the public scales, to visit those stalls which sold yard butter, weighing a pound at each, with scales which were made especially to weigh a yard of butter cut in halves

It was possible to get a hot lunch in Cambridge market in those times. In the centre there was one large dining booth with tables and forms for about six or eight. Anyone could sit down to a hot lunch which was invariably roast leg of pork with Yorkshire pudding and vegetables.

Mr. Hopkins has vivid memories of the state of the roads in those early days. They were maintained by the Parish Councils through whose district they passed, and were often very bad. With the coming of County Councils there was a great improvement, but for horse-drawn vehicles the application of tar to the surface made winter journeys a nightmare.

In Mr. Hopkins' youth, he tells us, the business life of Cambridge was not quite beyond reproach. Much credit was given, and many bad debts incurred. Treating and tipping were resorted to to obtain custom. Many stallholders went home far from being sober. "But today, it is all very different, and I consider that the integrity of both public and traders has reached a very high standard."

About himself, Mr. Hopkins explained that in his youth he was keen on outdoor games and "had a go- at almost everything." Now, in his retirement, he does not intend to "rest," for he has enough gardening to keep him from being idle.

He claim some success as horticulturist, and he has won many prizes at our local shows—before the claims of business became too pressing. In 1929-31 Mr. Hopkins won out-right the cup presented by the Stretham Horticultural Society to the most successful competitor.

His interests stretch beyond his garden, for he takes a lively interest in public affairs, and for many years has been a member of the Stretham Parish Council. He is also a life trustee of the Stretham Charities. "And so," says Mr. Hopkins, "I say farewell to all my Cambridge friends with many thanks to all" CDN 28 Aug 1943 43 08 28 & a

1943 08 27 ES

Stretham p5

bowls club

home nursing

Addenbrooke's

salvage - proceeding; beware greasy paper

1943 08 28

J. Hopkins retires from Cambridge market after 40 years; last of a long line of traders who brought their poultry, eggs and butter;; butter sold by yard before war. Wins many prizes as horticulturalist, parish councillor and charity trustee, pic 48 08 28 & a[scan]

1943 09 ERDM

Have supplied nearly all active young people to help in Great Cause

1943 09 03 ES

Stretham p6

day of prayer

schools reopen

distribution of vitamins from Grove House

bowls club

1943 09 10 ES

Stretham p7

bowls

flag day

national savings

day of prayer

women's institute

RAF hospital

1943 09 17 ES

Stretham p6

bowls club

flag day

harvest festival

Methodist chapel

1943 09 24 ES

Stretham Sergt-Observed Peter Swan PoW in Germany after raid Aug 2nd p1

Stretham p8

special service planned

Baptist chapel

1943 10 01 ES

Stretham p8

Dr Barnardo's collection

WEA

SJAB cadets

For services : cmte formed to raise money for distribution on demobilisation

battle of Britain Sunday : Uniformed men parade to church which full

Baptist chapel young peoples meetings restart

evacuee school concert

bowls club - Drever cup won by lady for first time since presentation in 1937

1943 10 08 ES

Stretham golden wedding Albert C Wright, for many years porter-signalman at S station & in business as farmer and hauliers p1

Stretham p5

WEA

women's institute

concert result - evacuees - money for Russia

Baptist chapel

Red cross sale – letter

1943 10 15

Stretham p7

women's bright hour

Methodist chapel Sunday school prizes

Baptist chapel

whist drive for local servicemen

1943 10 22

Stretham p8

Red cross

Baptist chapel

whist drive

1943 10 29

Stretham Pte D.A. Gibbs reported seriously wounded Feb 1942 in Singapore, is missing p1

Stretham p7

WEA

women's bright hour

whist drive

Baptist chapel lecture

1943 11 05 ES

Stretham p7

women's institute

national savings

Baptist chapel

poppies to be sold

whist drive

1943 11 12 ES

Stretham met in Italy - L?Ac Richard Clark RAF & Lnce Corp Eb Yarrow

Stretham remembrance day p4

Stretham p5

nursing association

mothers' union

Baptist chapel

sale of poppies

whist drive

1943 11 19 ES

Stretham p7

women's bright hour

poppy day £23 raised

Baptist chapel

whist drive

nursing association annual meeting

1943 11 26 ES

Stretham p6

SJAB

whist drive

1943 12 ERDM

Remembrance Sunday attended by Home Guard and Ambulance Corps

1943 12 03 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

death : Mrs Mary Ann Murfitt, 89

women's bright hour

whist drive

wedding : Joan Papworth & A/c John E Smith - photo

young peoples meeting

1943 12 10 ES

Stretham p7

SJAB

whist drive

young peoples meeting

charity trustees

funeral : Mrs Murfitt

1943 12 17 ES

Stretham p6

Baptist chapel

1943 12 24 ES

Stretham p5

schools close

Methodist chapel carols

annual collection Royal eastern Counties Institution

whist drive

1943 12 31 ES

Stretham p5

charity football on Christmas morning
young peoples meeting
Christmas services
model railway engine made for prize in competition
RAF hospital - each man sent stocking
whist drive

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1944

R.E.Poole head (till 1956) [SB35 SB41]

Homecoming funds – squabble between Red Lion & Chequers [SN119]

2 diesel pumps installed Dimmock's Cote [ES 1.11.79]

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1944 01 07 ES

Stretham p7

St John Ambulance Brigade cadets
Charity distribution
women's institute
hospital wad : have adopted ward, thanked
school treat, Baptist Sunday school

1944 01 14 ES

Stretham p5

distribution of pies from Grove House discontinued for while
carol singing
waste paper collection continues
collection for blind
adopted ward
whist drive
young peoples meeting

1944 01 21 ES

Stretham p7

St John training course & cadets enrolled
whist drive
Sunday school party

1944 01 28 ES

Stretham p7

Wicken singers to give concert for PoW fund
whist drive
women's bright hour
Sunday school party
ARP to inspect gas masks
Baptist chapel

1944 02 04

Stretham p7

national savings
whist drive
RAF Hospital - gifts
WEA
Baptist chapel

women's institute, Brook House

1944 02 11 ES

Stretham WEA Clara Rackham on juvenile delinquency p5

Stretham p8

women's bright hour

dancing classes held

whist drive

Wicken choir concert

1944 02 18 ES

Stretham p5

mothers union

WEA

whist drive

death : T Pearson, roadman; son is PoW Japs

Baptist young peoples meetings

1944 02 25 ES

Stretham p5

half-term

hospital ward

SJAB lectures

promotion of Fire Force commander Christmas whose wife & children live in village

women's bright hour

lantern lecture

whist drive

Baptist chapel

1944 03 03 ES

Stretham p6

charity trustees

Baptist chapel

whist drive

1944 03 10 ES

Stretham p7

national savings

women's bright hour

penny-a-week fund

RAF hospital ward cmte

1944 03 17 ES

Stretham p8

whist drive

nursing association

death Miss Elizabeth Mason, Bungalow, Ely Road; spent time in Lancs but returned Stretham 30 years ago & lived with brother William Mason who died few years ago. Service at home by friend B. Carter; cremation

women's institute

Baptist chapel young peoples meeting

1944 03 24 ES

Stretham headmaster G.C. Bridgeman retires end of April, came in Nov 1920 after period at Ely Boys school; new head will be R.E. Poole p1

Stretham p5

SJAB

RAF hospital

Baptist chapel

mothering Sunday service

death Henrietta Crow, wife of Percy, blacksmith (funeral 31st p7)

women's bright hour

whist drive

1944 03 31 ES

Stretham p7

wedding : driver T Cross & Jennie Stanton

WEA

parish meeting

Baptist chapel

whist drive

nursing association

1944 04 ERDM

School managers appoint R.E. Poole of Wisbech St Peter's junior school as head master - well known local cricketer

Mrs Stitt missing from Mothering Sunday - first bunch of flowers brought up to her bed

1944 04 07 ES

Stretham p5

women's bright hour

scripture exam

death Charles Hale, Fidwell Farm (funeral 14th p5)

whist drive

WEA

1944 04 14 ES

Stretham p5

pie scheme restarts, Grove House

presentation to schoolteacher C.S. Dimmock on her wedding

WEA agm

women's institute

whist drive

bowls club annual meeting

Baptist chapel

1944 04 21 ES

Stretham farm fire, ancient barn destroyed - NFS prevented widespread damage; Bertram Parish's farmyard old barn on fire; thatched roof caught alight, modern cowsheds seemed in danger, animals removed. Infant's school, playground of which adjoined the barn was in the danger zone & black-out curtains on one window already burning with PT apparatus smouldering. Children not able to attend Monday owing additional spring cleaning p1

Stretham death of Mrs S.S. Stitt : much-loved personality; lady of gracious charm with sympathetic understanding for those in need of comfort... her visits to homes in village will be greatly missed.

Daughter of Lieut-Gen James Marquis.

Stitt came to Stretham in 1906 .. true help mate rector; he conducted service p5

Stretham p8

women's bright hour

1944 04 28

Stretham p6

whist drive

death : Fred Horton, Laburnham House; came village 1924, worked Prudential Insurance co

1944 05 05 ES

Stretham photo wedding Gnr H.C. Wesley & C.S. Dimmock & G. Canham & E Murfitt p1
(accounts p6)

Stretham p6

national savings

women's bright hour

presentation headmaster Bridgeman on retirement

death John Taylor, 80, came from Barway

1944 05 12 ES

Stretham Salute the soldier week - film in hut

Stretham p7

penny-a-week fund

St Dustan's collection

WAAF Flt-Sgt E.O. Norman prepares herring roes to cure blindness - attracts national publicity;
training included study of dietetics; before joining WAAF was in employ of Sir William Mallinson
& Lord St Davids

whist drive

women's institute

NSPCC collection

death Elizabeth Howard, widow late David

1944 05 19 ES

Stretham p7

ARP inspection

former evacuee awarded scholarship

fire cottage Wilburton road; saved by prompt action of Stretham & Ely NFS

death Elizabeth Russell, wife Walter, (funeral 26th p7)

MoI films

Baptist chapel Sunday school anniversary

flag day

whist drive

hospital ward

wedding Ellen Crow

1944 05 26 ES

Stretham salute figure £11,145 (target £10,000) p1 & p3

Stretham p7

SJAB

anchor day

hospital ward

whist drive

feast - uneventful, no parade; cricket match Home Guard & NFS; dance; bowls spoon drive

jumble sale

1944 06 02 ES

Stretham p5

Anchor day

SJAB

women's bright hour
whist drive

1944 06 09 ES

Stretham p7

women's institute
whist drive
for red Cross
sports cmte - plans for auction sale & sports

1944 06 16 ES

Stretham cricket p5

Stretham p6

school attendance half-holiday
women's bright hour
scripture exam
whist drive
Red cross meeting

1944 06 23 ES

Stretham p7

Lce-Corp Edward Saberton wounded
WVS knitters
girl guides - 1st enrolment of newly formed 1st Stretham company
whist drive
Baptist chapel
Stretham services & Chequers home-coming fund cmte discuss sports etc
Methodist church Sunday school anniversary

1944 06 30 ES

Stretham p8

Waifs & strays collection
Miss Burdett-Holcroft has painting exhibited & in magazine
whist drive
women's bright hour
adopted ward
SJAB exam
sports anticipated

1944 07 ERDM

Thanks for prayer books as memorial to my dear wife

1944 07 07 ES

Stretham Home Coming efforts - long article on sports etc p1 & p3

Stretham p8

bowls club
whist drive
Methodist church
books wanted for troops
death : Rose Ellen Drever, widow Lewis John Drever, lived S 55 yrs (funeral 14th p8)

1944 07 14 ES

Stretham p6

bowls club
Red cross sale

whist drive
women's institute
sports & sale results

1944 07 21 ES

Stretham Ernest Rayner, Grange Farm, applies to evict former milkman, Jas Scott so can make two houses into one large enough for new p5

Stretham p8

bowls club
intercession services
scholarships for Audrey Clark & Joseph Smith
red cross sale
letter of thanks

1944 07 28 ES

Stretham p7

bowls club
Red Cross sale
Baptist Sunday school treat
whist drive

1944 08 04 ES

Stretham Red cross sale - long article p5

Stretham p7

nurses holiday
school holidays Methodist church Sunday school

1944 08 11 ES

Stretham p8

Red Cross sale
Sunday school treat
bowls club
scholarship : Sylvia Mether, lived with grandmother, Oak cottage

1944 08 17

Frederick William Thulbon, wheelwright and carpenter of Wilburton Rd, Stretham drowns himself – 44 08 17

1944 08 18 ES

Stretham shocking discovery - Frederick William Thulbon, 10 Wilburton road dead in water tank p1

road death : daughter J Rutherford

Stretham p6

Red Cross sale

1944 08 25 ES

Stretham p5

proposed garden fete

September 1st

Stretham p6

bowls club
women's institute
Victory garden fete plans

1944 09 08 ES

Stretham p8

- nursing association
- flag day
- hospital contribution scheme
- day of prayer

1944 09 15 ES

September 15th

Stretham Pte F Murfitt (19) or Corner house, Top Street amongst party escorting German PoWs when ambushed; lined Germans up against wall, then escaped when mist came down p1
Stretham bypass included in road developments planned p6

Stretham p7

- nursing association
- harvest festival
- evacuated school gets good exam results
- death : William Grey, farmed bridge farm, moved Ely Rd
- victory fete

1944 09 22 ES

Stretham p7

- harvest thanksgiving
- whist drive

1944 09 29 ES

Stretham p7

- Dr Barnardo's
- whist drive
- WEA
- Methodist church harvest festival
- Baptist young peoples meeting

1944 10 06 ES

Stretham p8

- scholarship results
- women's institute
- whist drive

1944 10 13 ES

Stretham farm sale : Plantation farm by direction S.A. Cross p5

Stretham p7

- Baptist chapel
- whist drive
- Hospital contributory scheme
- WEA

death : Horace Skilton, kia, husband Daisy Murfitt; wife & baby living Stretham since flying bomb attacks on Southern England

October 20th

Stretham p8

- national savings
- jumble sale
- whist drive

1944 10 27 ES

Stretham p5

Hospital contributory scheme
nursing association
Baptist church
women's bright hour

1944 11 03 ES

Stretham p8

girl guides
MoI films
young peoples club - 1st meeting for ages 12-16; country dancing by Miss Kitson; Mr Poole organised
Baptist church
whist drive
Poppy Day : last year raised £16

1944 11 10 ES

Stretham p7

young peoples meeting
whist drive
church : eclectic lighting to be installed; oil lamps totally inadequate; collections arranged
nursing association

1944 11 17 ES

Stretham p7

Baptist church
whist drive
women's bright hour
Poppy sale : broken all records, £26.11.2

1944 11 24 ES

Stretham p7

wedding : Wren Priscilla Nicholas of Pump Lane
whist drive
Baptist church

1944 12 01 ES

Stretham p8

Overseas missions
whist drive
Baptist church
WEA

1944 12 08 ES

Stretham p8

charity trustees
Baptist church
wedding : L?Acw Audrey Burdet-Holcroft; she volunteered for WAAF 3 years ago
whist drive
girl guides

1944 12 15 ES

Stretham Miss Elizabeth Norman killed on Cambridge Rd p1

Stretham p7

SJAB
women's institute
Blind collection
women's bright hour
Baptist church
whist drive
Hospital ward
SJAB nursing cadets

1944 12 22 ES
Stretham Miss Norman funeral
Stretham p7
carol singers
Baptist church
young peoples club
whist drive
evacuee school prize giving
guides concert
home guard dinner; Lieut L.J. Cockerton joined May 1940 & in charge of S branch since earliest days; first as Serg then Sec.Lieut ...

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1945
shrinkage of soil in Waterbeach Level means two 150 hp engines installed on Cam & diesel engine little used since [SB47]
church & parish room lighted with electricity [SB41]

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1945 01 05 ES
Stretham p5
diploma for William Jarman
Charles Constable returns on leave from Middle East
Baptist church
Thelma Blayney wins hamper, presents to RAF hospital
Billy Hobbs sends card from Japan PoW camp
share-out club
Red Lion services home-coming fund prize-winners
wedding : Gwendoline Russell
whist drive
Sun slate club 9th annual share out
RAF ward sends Christmas card

1945 01 12 ES

Stretham p5

hospital collection

Marine Eric Markham home on leave

Mr Garner in accident, Mrs G carries on business

church treat

death : Jubal Crow, skilled agricultural worker, 80 (funeral 19th p5)

whist drive

Baptist church

women's bright hour

1945 01 19 ES

Stretham p5

annual collection

death Alice, wife of George Bridgeman; he headmaster till recently

guides party

death : Lilian, wife W.H. Lythell of War Reserve police; she daughter of late Joseph Pikett;

(police guard of honour at funeral 26th p1)

whist drive

hospital thanks

Methodist church Sunday school party

1945 01 26 ES

Stretham death Mrs Sarah Jewell of Cambridge House, daughter late George Hazel; moved Stretham when husband retired p1

Stretham p5

Red Cross collection

women's bright hour

Baptist church

Methodist church Sunday school party

whist drive

1945 02 ERDM

Church & parish room shortly lighted with electricity

1945 02 02 ES

Stretham p8

whist drive

WEA

1945 02 09 ES

Stretham p7

women's bright hour

young peoples meeting

concert

death : Richard Creek, 86; went to Sheffield as young man, returned Stretham, then to Upware then back here

1945 02 16 ES

Stretham p8

WVS collect for bombed-out of Hornchurch

Baptist church

death : William Taylor, formerly of Bungalow, Pumping Engine

women's institute
whist drive
talkie picture show

1945 02 23 ES

Stretham p7

SJAB
Methodist church musical service
domino drive
women's bright hour
whist drive
Baptist church

1945 03 02 ES

Stretham NFS stand down : farewell dinner; Company Officer T. Kempton p4

Stretham p7

women's institute party
school attendance payment
young peoples meeting
Methodist church
whist drive
wedding : Sylvia Gibbs
SJAB

1945 03 09 ES

Stretham p7

Merchant Navy week
WVS sent to Hornchurch
death : Mrs Eliza Cross, Cambridge Rd (funeral 16th p7)
Baptist church
women's bright hour
whist drive
1st public domino drive ever held in village for Home-coming fund

1945 03 16 ES

Stretham p7

mothering service
young peoples meeting
death : Albert Reeve, High St in picturesque cottage, 76 (funeral 23rd p7)
Merchant navy collection
women's institute
whist drive
Methodist church prize giving

1945 03 23 ES

Stretham p7

Baptist church scripture exam
Baptist church young peoples meeting
RAF hospital
women's bright hour
domino drive
whist drive

1945 03 30 ES

Stretham p8

scripture exam

WEA

whist drive

evacuees : in 1939 Miss Francis Levi came to Stretham with children of the Robert Montefiore school which included her own 'squad' of 50; children of the school dispersed between several villages but Miss Levi's all billeted in same village. Some of these children still remain & with others who have joined will lose a good friend when she retires & returns to London. Undertaken many activities & thanks to her that Head teacher, Miss C.R. Barnett has been able to do so much to keep alive the religious spirit-

amongst Jewish children

funeral : Miss Mary Norman

concert

1945 04 06 ES

Stretham "unexploded bomb" : tail fin of bomb buried by boys in garden of house, Short Road p1

Stretham p7

women's bright hour

women's institute

Baptist church

Methodist church

church Easter service

Sergt-pilot Frank Horton awarded his wings; trained in South Africa; one brother PoW, 2 others in NFS

domino drive

Methodist church united service

death : William Russell, 80, lived village all life

village produce association - lecture as preliminary to forming

1945 04 13 ES

Stretham p8

national savings

wedding : Audrey Neville

1945 04 20 ES

Stretham p8

SJAB

Red cross concert

whist drive

bowls club annual meeting

WEA

Wedding : Charmian Burdett-Holcroft

village produce cmte enrol members

1945 04 27 ES

Stretham p8

red cross

collection for children

whist drive

nursing association

1945 05 04 ES

Stretham p8

Methodist church
Addenbrooke's flag day
whist drive
women's bright hour
VPA
women's institute

1945 05 11 ES

Stretham p8
children's flag day
whist drive
parish council

1945 05 18 ES

Stretham victory : Union jacks & streamers in High St ... bonfire on Rec ... services

Stretham p7
bowls club
services fund
medical comforts
whist drive
Methodist church scripture exam
feast Sunday arrangements
British Sailors society collection
Baptist church Sunday school anniversary
wedding : Evelyn Driver, Chear farm to Pte John Hall, Parachute Regt who has just returned
from PoW camp, captured at Arnhem
WEA

1945 05 25 ES

Stretham Richard Clark son of G.B. Clark of Post Office killed in aircraft accident in Italy; spent
VE night in Venice - photo p1

"bomb scare" : Leslie Pinion & Basil Sadler - charged him with misuse of petrol - had found fin
at Chittering p1

Stretham p7

Methodist church
Anchor day
bowls club opening
whist drive
jumble sale
Liberal meeting to reform association
concert
Royal Observer post - windmill - opened to public- teas served, displays of model planes; from
top Stretham seemed small & with many trees
evacuees : presentation prior to return; headmistress C.R. Barnett; Miss F Leir, former member
staff said she was like 2nd mother to evacuees; Miss E.M. Kitson & Mrs G. Mason, foster parents,
spoke. Miss Barnett said her pupils would go from Stretham with unselfish characters ...; songs by
Miss Joyce, member staff, puppet show
feast Sunday revived

1945 06 01 ES

Stretham p8
bowls club
RAF team to take service at Methodist chapel
home-coming fund
whist drive

death : John Edward Nicholas

1945 06 08 ES

Stretham Leslie Caswell has 2 pictures accepted for Royal Academy; was at Slade school of art p5
Stretham p7

St Dunstons
visit of Cambridge Railway silver band
overseas tobacco fund
Baptist chapel whist drive
Observer corps open day a success
VPA
Methodist
women's institute

1945 06 15 ES

Stretham p8

whist drive
band concert on Rec
bowls club
Sunday school anniversary

1945 02 22 ES

Stretham p7

bowls
sacred concert
RAH Hospital ward
whist drive

1945 06 29 ES

Stretham householders welcomed Jewish children of Robert Montefiore school and cared for them particularly well p5

Stretham p7

girl guides
bowls club
Baptist chapel
whist drive
sale & gala, homecoming fund
sacred concert

1945 07 06 ES

Stretham sale & gala raised £170 - long article p5

Stretham p7

SJAB
whist drive
RAF ward thanks
VPA

1945 07 13 ES

Stretham p7

hospital contributory scheme
women's institute
Methodist

1945 07 20 ES

Stretham p7

scholarship : Margaret Hobbs
gala day results

1945 07 27 ES

Stretham p7

Sunday school outing
youth service
death : Mrs Agnes Woolf, wife Walter

1945 08 03 ES

Stretham death Stitt, resigned living month ago; was Chaplain in SA war; "brilliant man with great literary ability ... remembered with affection p1 (funeral 10th p1)

Stretham p7

nursing association
VPA
wedding : Algernon Drever & Olive Howard

1945 08 10 ES

Stretham Fish & Duck sold by Geo Utteridge to H.M. Osborne, of Birmingham .. heavy seasonal demand ... private ferry etc p1

Harold Howard took cycle pump p1

Stretham p8

bowls club
nursing flag day

1945 08 17 ES

Stretham p8

Methodist
RAF ward
wedding Bernard George Chapman; bride formerly in domestic service at rectory

1945 08 24 ES

Stretham victory celebrations : bunting, bells; several men in Japanese hands & hopes tinged with anxiety ... deep thankfulness for victory ... church service; children's tea & sports

Stretham p8

girl guides outing

1945 08 31 ES

Stretham p7

schools reopen
Plantation Farm workers outing
services home-coming fund

1945 09 07 ES

Stretham Eric Dimock safe; elder son of J Dimock, Home Farm, was planter in Malaya & joined up there; wife, former Constance Jacobs and family left Singapore just before fall

Stretham p8

bowls club
harvest festival
Chequers home-coming fund
VPA

VJ celebrations committee : balance to be banked; children to be given memento & fireworks when national day of rejoicing announced

1945 09 14 ES

Stretham p7

women's institute outing

Methodist harvest festival

home-coming fund

wedding : Jean Rowell, Royal Oak & Ernest Ainger, Haddenham p7

1945 09 21 ES

Stretham good news from William (Billy) Hobbs ex Singapore p1

Stretham p8

home-coming fund

bowls club

Baptist chapel harvest thanks

wedding : Alfred E Casswell & Olive Russell

1945 09 28 ES

Stretham death Harry Norman, Elford farm, chairman Parish council - collapsed in High St en route meeting & carried home in Wrights lorry p5

Stretham p8

WEA

SJAB

Chequers home-coming fund

1945 10 05 ES

Stretham p8

Methodist schoolroom has been used since outbreak of war as school for evacuated children; are two rooms which open into one large hall, the whole of which redecorated; reopening ceremony planned

whist drive

WEA

lantern lecture

VPA

RAF adopted ward

1945 10 12 ES

Stretham p8

meeting for pig-keepers

home-coming fund - display list names

VPA

harvest festival

wedding : Jack Murfitt & Ivy Reed

Baptist chapel young peoples meet

1945 10 19 ES

Stretham p8

hospital maintenance fund

Baptist chapel young peoples meet

whist drive

pig owners club

Methodist schoolroom rededicated

1945 10 26 ES

Stretham as result of sale of Stitt's effects auctioneers fined - were firearms p1

Stretham p7

VPA

Methodist guild to reform
RAF adopted ward - ward 11
Baptist chapel
whist drive
Pte William Hobbs home : Cambridge road bedecked with flags; only got one letter, written Jan 1944 and arrived April 1945; 20yrs worked on Siam railway but despite all in fairly good health
WEA
parish council
nursing association

1945 11 02 ES

Stretham p7

flag day
whist drive
pig club - too few to start club
Methodist guild
Peggy Bond 21st party; of Chequers
VPA
home-coming fund - 113 now eligible; benefit to be paid on application; next-of-kin of death no need apply
women's bright hour
film show
Baptist chapel
WEA

1945 11 09 ES

Stretham VPA fine show p7

Stretham p8

Baptist chapel evangelistic services
armistice service arranged
Baptist chapel
whist drive
Wesley guild
WEA
church : induction Rev John Edward Cowgill[SB41 PCC]
death : Charles Frederick Cook, came S after London home damaged by bombs 5 years ago; entered into life, lectured

1945 11 16 ES

Stretham remembrance service p3

Stretham p7

Baptist chapel
young peoples club again meeting
Wesley guild
whist drive
women's institute
sale of poppies
women's bright hour
wedding : Francis May Gillett & Reginald William Sturgess, RAF, photo p8

1945 11 23 ES

Stretham p8

Baptist chapel
WEA
mothers' union

death : Edward "Ted" Lowe, carrier for 60 years; brother of Jack Lowe & Mrs Feetham & of Nurse Lowe, had not resided S for many years but used to visit

whist drive

Wesley guild

SJAB open medical comforts depot, Oakley House - can be hired for small sum

village savings group thanksgiving week target

1945 11 30 ES

Stretham Leslie Maurice Pinion applied removal disqualification for holding motor licence as wished to go into business as motor engineer p1

Stretham p7

Horticultural Association - thriving till war - to be revived

WEA

overseas mission

children entertained

Baptist chapel

VPA

whist drive

women's bright hour

farm supper employees Stowbridge Farm, by G Barrett farmed 19 years; happiest co-operation master & men

1945 12 ERDM

J.G. Cowgill thanks for his welcome -Stitt had died 3rd Aug, aged 80

1945 12 07 ES

Stretham p7

Wesley guild

thanksgiving week

RAF ward

mothers' union

whist drive

Baptist chapel

VPA

1945 12 14 ES

Stretham news death Pte John Edward Wesley, belied died at sea 21st Sept 1944; Mrs W a widow, her husband died 2 weeks after birth of their son; had been at Singapore but missing following sinking of Japanese transport carrying prisoners of war p1

Stretham p7

Wesley guild

WEA

Baptist chapel

MOI films

whist drive

Christmas parcels for RAF ward

women's institute

women's bright hour

death : Peter Allam, 87, came S 15 years ago; moved from Cage Lane to Preston Terrace

1945 12 21 ES

Stretham p7

SJAB

Baptist chapel

Mr & Mrs A Gibbs receive surprise parcel from Denmark - send as thanks for British liberators

WEA
Wesley guild

1945 12 28 ES
Stretham p8
church decorated
Wesley guild
young peoples social
concert
women's bright hour
Share Out club distribution
carol service
Sun Helping Hand slate club share out
whist drive

-o-o- 1946 -o-o-

1946 Grunty Fen allotments not used and of little value [SN133]
1946 PC oppose RDC plans for housing Berry Green, suggest Brook Lane but RDC purchase Wood Lane, object to Minister [SN133]
1946 discuss electric street lights [SN133]
1946 churchyard in disgraceful condition [SB41]
1946 if air-raid shelters demolished Mixed school PC would like first offer [SN133]

1946 02 ERDM
Start made on churchyard restoring from present disgraceful condition
W. Swann takes on playing organ for services

1942 08 ERDM
Letter circulated about Thanksoffering and War memorial to be placed in church

-o-o- 1947 -o-o-

1947
floods : 2,000 acres in Stretham & Thetford fens flooded, damage severe [VCH p.152]; Charity flood fund to help allotment holders [SN80]; diesel engine ran 354 hours continuously [SB50]

1947 01 03
Loss to Stretham – death of Ernest Stevens [cutt]

1947 03 19
The bank has burst at Ten Mile Bank and on the River Wissey and water is pouring through a thirty yard breach. A huge area of fenland is involved and livestock is being evacuated. Another breach has occurred in the bank of the Old West at Stretham and water is pouring in a torrent into Waterbeach fen. The waters of the Cam have dropped seven inches at Clayhithe but a break in the bank is feared about a mile and a half beyond towards Ely

1947 08 22
An unusually early harvest in ideal weather, particularly for combines - but one with disappointingly low yields. That, in brief, sums up the situation in Cambridgeshire where a certain amount of new corn is now on the market. Yields of wheat generally are very poor, averaging only about four sacks an acre, compared with twelve last year. The position in East Anglia generally is worse than in the rest of the country owing to the drought. Land which was lightly-flooded around

Stretham, Waterbeach and Over has yielded crops, some better than the average because of the moisture which the dry land lacked

1947 09 05

Willow Grange farm, Stretham flooded & now, p5

1947 11 24

Brian Dimock knocked down by bus, Stretham, p7

-o-o-1948-o-o-

1948

Senior children moved to Cromwell School, Chatteris pending erection Sec Mod school for Ely Rural District [VCH p158]

CDN 1948 Stretham stories

1948 01 06

Six Stretham villagers made a B.B.C. recording yesterday to tell radio news audiences of the feat of their Village Produce Association in "exporting" to outside markets from spare-time allotments more surplus produce than any similar association in the country. No less than £600 worth of fruit and vegetables went out from the acres of Stretham allotments and village gardens to markets in Leeds, Manchester and London in 1946. Standing in the wooden- hut Social Club in the village, behind an exhibit of produce grown by members of the Association H.C. Holiday spoke into the microphone with a long lead coming through the window from the compact recording apparatus housed in an ordinary large-type saloon car which stood in the road outside

1948 01 06

BBC recording Stretham's "Exports"

VPA surplus produce goes to towns

"Helping to beat black market", broadcast tonight at 6.15

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Because of the floods, the 1947 figures will be slightly down but the 103 allotment holders and cottage gardeners who make up the association will still be able to show a profit on their years working.

Those who took part in the recording were Messrs H. Nightingale, chairman of Stretham VPA, H. Holliday, county organiser Cambs & Isle of Ely Garden Produce committees and secretary of the Stretham association, T. Kimmings, C. Clarke, J. Stubbins and J. Murfitt.

Standing in the wooden hut social club in the village, behind an exhibit of produce grown by members of the association, they were interviewed by a BBC reporter Roland Fox, speaking into a microphone with a long lead in coming through a window from the compact recording apparatus housed in an ordinary large type saloon car which stood in the road outside.

The members of the Association talked, too, to the Cambridge Daily News chief reporter, as did Miss Kathleen Talbot, organiser of the Central garden produce Committee of the Min of Ag who told in the recording something of the aims of VPAs.

"Our main aim is to make the villages self-supporting as far as possible in fruit and vegetables" ... the associations also helped in the marketing of surplus produce. "Stretham, because it is largely a village of smallholders, produces more for export than any association in the country".

How the association works was explained to the CDN by Mr Holliday who is also the village champion horticulturalist - at eight successive village shows he has won the principal cup, usually with Mr Murfit as runner-up.

"Each member pays half-a-crown subscription and in return is able to buy seed and fertilisers at a lower cost than normal". In 1946 we paid out £185 for seed and fertiliser. Surplus produce sent to market included over 2 tons of strawberries, just under one ton of black & red currants, 4© tons of onions and asparagus, nearly 2© tons of cucumbers, 400 bags of French and runner beans and 250 bags of bunches of beetroot ... lettuces, cabbages, rhubarb. This season we had ordered nearly ... tons of seed potatoes. Both men and women belong to the association, many of the women concentrate on the fruit preserving ... but at least one, Mrs W. Wolfe, does all her own gardening including digging.

Of the flood damage Mr H. said about one third of the allotments were under water, we received a cheque for £62.8.0 from the Cambridge Flood fund and a ... association in the North Riding of Yorkshire voted us £10.

Members were very good in helping each other. Those whose land was not flooded let part of it to those less fortunate to grown plants in readiness for transplanting when the water cleared.

Most of the Association members work on the land during the day and at their allotments during their spare time. The Association came into being ... through Mr T. Cummins, retired metropolitan police officer who was blitzed out of London during the war and brought his wife to relatives in Stretham.

"I soon took up an allotment" he said "but I was surprised to find such an efficient lot of workers as those at Stretham ... had formed no Association of any sort for mutual help. In March 1945 a preliminary meeting of one or two who thought as I did was held and at the inaugural meeting in May of that year we enrolled 71 members.

Later as we had no representative in the parish council we forced an election and four of us were returned, three being appointed to the Board of Charity Trustees which controls the Allotments.

Marketing of the produce is done through Mr J.W. Stubbins who is an agent for firms in Manchester, Leeds and London as well as being a horticulturalist. The money paid for produce is sent straight to the grower except in the causes of very small sums" he said.

Mr Stubbins is very useful to us because he knows where to get the best prices Mr Holliday remarked. We also get plenty of co-operation from farmers.

One who has been a great help to the Association is Mr F.H. Garner, general manager of the Hiams estates and chairman of the Isle of Ely Garden Produce committee.

Latest development in this flourishing Association is the formation of a pig club. We have now got ... pigs said the club's chairman, Mr C. Clarke. Through it a number of people had a bit of pork this Christmas who otherwise would not have had any.

Thus is Stretham, like many another village produce Association helping to solve not only its own food problems but those of the towns as well. And as one of the Stretham members remarked we're helping to beat the black market by seeing that produce goes into the right channels.

CDN 1948 Jan 6 p4 SN65]

1948 01 21

Death of Frederick Oliver Sennitt of 418 Milton Road Cambridge. He had been in failing health for 18 months.

A native of Stretham, Mr Sennitt started the poultry, game and fish business at Peas Hill 53 years ago, and was actively identified with it until July 1946, when ill-health forced him to retire. He was for some years President of the Cambridge & District Poultry & Fish Trade Association.

Mr Sennitt was prominently identified with the Wesley church, of which he was a member over a long period. His work for the church was his major interest. He was also an Oddfellow.

He leaves one son & two daughters, one of the latter, Miss Mary Sennitt, being engaged with the Methodist mission in Nigeria. The funeral ... Wesley church, interment following at Stretham CDN 1948 Jan 21 p8

1948 02 20

Death of Henry Acred ... 61 years' service to Methodism Ch [cutt]

Stretham news – WI etc [cutt]

1948 05

War memorial in chancel opening 28 May, cross from chancel screen to be placed over tower arch screen [PCC]

1948 12 02

Miss Sarah Wright left £127,492 to St Dunstons, Legion Homes, etc – Times 2 Dec 1948 – scan

1948 12 03

Sarah Wright will, Stretham, p8

-o-o-1949-o-o-

1949

Brass chandelier purchased at sale at Babraham Hall to be placed in chancel; altar, oak table to be placed in War Memorial corner; painting of Madonna donated by Cowgill [PCC]

As churchyard is closed PC to be asked for assistance with maintenance [PCC]

Douglas Dawson first settled pastor of Baptist chapel since last century [SN65]

1949 RDC sewage scheme (installed) [SN133]

1949 Owen Drever offers to donate a bell, others would need rehanging [PCC]

1949 05 06

Stretham man illegal sugar beet, p7

1949 08 30

Runner-up National Title – Stretham, p8

-o-o- 1950 -o-o-

Said to be ES notes (not found)

1950

Street renaming : Pond St & Military Rd become Newmarket road; Red Lion St to Chapel St & include Chapel square; Short Lane to Short Rd & Brook Lane to Brook St [SN133]

1950 02 03

Elford farm cottages fire ES 3.2.1950 [SN132 SN142]

1950 02 03

Stretham accident, p11

1950 04 14

A new pumping station was opened at Chear Fen, near Stretham. Mr A.G. Wright recalled that the old station had opened in 1842. It had consisted of a beam-type steam engine powered by two boilers and coupled to a paddle wheel. It ran during the 1947 floods but only for a short time, when one of the boilers ceased to function and the other boiler only showed 35 lbs pressure. This plant was dismantled in 1949. In 1928 a new engine house was built, where a Blackstone Diesel engine was installed coupled to a Gwyne's pump. ES 14.4.50 [cutt]

1950 07 14

sports popular –ES 14.7.1950

1950 09 08

war corner refurbished, oil painting presented, book of remembrance ES 8.9.1950 [SN132]

1950 10 20

school cleaning carried out by members one family ES 20.10.1950

-o-o- 1951 -o-o-

1951

Bells sent for recasting, back Easter 1952 [SN65]

1951 04 11

The threat of possible flooding of the Cambridge-Ely road at Stretham bridge has been met by the building of a quarter-mile long clay bank and the installation of three pumps. Mr W.E. Doran, the Catchment Board engineer said that the rainstorm that raised the level had travelled the length of the Cam basin & that with the present sodden state of the ground most of the rainwater drained into the river. Had the improvement work which followed the 1947 floods not been done river levels in some places would be above the danger line.

-o-o- 1952 -o-o-

1952

Stretosaurus discovered [SB5]

Berry Green named [SN133]

1952 06 10

The skeletons of two prehistoric animals believed to be about 140 million years old have been unearthed on the Wicken Road, Stretham. One, a plesiosaurus is thought to be about 20 feet long, and the other is believed to be a dinosaur. The discovery was made during dragline operations. A lorry load of gault had been tipped on to the bank when the bones were spotted. Experts from the Sedgwick Museum visited the site to excavate the skeletons, which are only five feet below the surface. Photo 13th p10

1952 06 27

Stretham engine, p8

1952 07 18

Stretham guinea pig, p9

1952 08 30

Waterbeach crash, Stretham man injured, p6

-o-o- 1953 -o-o-

1953

Coronation trees on Rec [SN133]

Mothers Union launched [SN129]

-o-o- 1954 -o-o-

1954

PC suggest preservation old cottages Reads St & Brook Lane, "such old buildings better demolished" [SN133]

Berry Close mentioned [SN133]

PCC purchase Parish room for £1 [PCC]

1954 05 14

The pilot of an R.A.F. Swift jet aircraft from Waterbeach airfield was killed when it crashed within 200 yards of a group of houses in Stretham fen on Chittering Farm estate. Had the blast from the aircraft, which exploded, gone in the direction of the houses then wreckage would most certainly have struck them. As it was pieces of the aircraft were strewn in a half circle for about 200 yards. Eye-witness Mr Leslie Pinion said: "the plane dived straight down in the field and exploded". It left a crater about 15 feet deep. Waterbeach was the first unit to be equipped with Swift jet fighters and the lightning-fast silver machines with their distinctive swept-back wings have become a familiar sight.

1954 05 14

Supermarine Swift crashes, pilot killed – Times 14 May 1954 – [scan]

1954 08 27

Pinion 'receiving', Stretham, p9

1954 09 09

Freddie Pope, 83, is a remarkable countryman who does a full day's work on the harvest field, working for his nephew, Mr Harold Driver, of Huntingdon Farm, Sawston. He looks after 60 head of cow stock and one day this year fed them in the morning, drilled ten acres of corn with his horse and fed the stock again in the evening. He went to live at Mill Farm, Pampisford in 1939; before that he farmed in the Ely district and was for a long time licensee of the 'Fish and Duck' near Stretham. This was in the Pope family for so long that the place is still known as Pope's Corner

1954 09 24 c

Flashing indicator lights on motor cars are no a new idea. They were invented and patented in 1922 by Mr Harold Wheeler son of the Over schoolmaster A.G. Wheeler. When he bought his first car he felt the need for an efficient signaller and flashing lights seemed to be the answer. The invention was perfected, patented and submitted to the public carriage office of New Scotland Yard. It was hailed as 'ingenious but impractical' and legislation would be needed before it could be used. He had several enquiries from the Continent but finally removed the gadget and stored it away in a cupboard. Now flashing indicators have arrived from American but his patent has run out.

-o-o- 1955 -o-o-

1955 Frederick Hiam replaces deck wooden bridge [SB8]

1955 'Springfield' 2 Short Rd built [TC 4.2.1995]

1955 Over Sixties starts (Silver Jubilee 1980) [ES 7.2.1980]

1955

wedding J.H. Kisby & B.M. Hitch [cutt]

1955 03 11

George Dimock, Akeman House, hairdresser failed pay national insurance 55 03 11 [scan]

1955 04 11

lorry driver for Eric Wright, coal merchant, skids and runs into house, High St 55 04 11b [scan]

1955 05 27

slight collision at Black & White café [scan]

1955 07 07

Black & White café theft while owner Thomas Coxhead on holiday [scan]

55 07 27

Blackmore head Stretham, p9

-o-o- 1956 -o-o-

1956 A.A. Blackmore head (till 1961) [SB35]

1956 Annual sports programme [SB71]

1956 conveyance of Parish Room retained by Diocese as Custodian Trustees for PCC [PCC]

1956 02 08

An 82-feet long bog oak has been unearthed at Chear Farm, Stretham. The trunk was over four feet wide and weighed over eight tons. It was cut into four sections before being removed by tractor to Turpin's wood yard in Cambridge where it will be cut and dried. It will then be used to make specimen items of Old English joinery. Only once before has bog oak been used in this way and the experiment was not very successful. 56 02 08, 56 02 18b

-o-o- 1957 -o-o-

1957

Stretham Engine Preservation Trust established

1957 04 13

Great St Mary's church has a new mace which depicts the Virgin Mary resting on the arms of the University. It was made by Loughborough Pendred, the Cambridge woodcarver and magnificently gilded and decorated by Mr B. Winterton. There are other examples of Mr Pendred's work in Stretham, Teversham, Sawston, Cheveley and Great Shelford churches. 57 04 13

1957 05 24

fair ... Short Road became the main centre of interest ... dodgem cars very popular ... smaller roundabouts, rifle range, coconut shy and darts and also sweets and candy floss and an innovation 'Hot Dogs'. Cambridge successors to Rock King did good business – ES

-o-o- 1958 -o-o-

1958 Lowe & Crow retire as blacksmith; been blacksmiths over 50 years, served apprenticeships with Hudsons & Son [SN65]

1958 Brian Westrope starts Baptist minister [SN65]

1958 youth club flourishing – 35 members [PCC]

1958 03 18

Stretham Old Engine filmed BBC Mangolds – 58 03 18b [SN65]

1958 05 23

Feast Sunday at Stretham: parade and united service – 58 05 23 ES

1958 10 03

Stretham youth Alan Whitehead scratched wall of cell – 58 10 03

-o-o- 1959 -o-o-

1959 Football pavilion opened ['13 years ago' – ES 18.5.1972]

1959 02 04

The remote Methodist Chapel in Swaffham Prior fen was built in July 1884. It has a pleasant interior with room for a congregation of about 70. Heating is by a small stove and it still retains the shiny brass paraffin lamps which have provided lighting since the chapel was built. But it is weather-worn and the average attendance is half-a-dozen worshippers. There used to be a small chain boat which enabled people to attend from the Waterbeach side of the river; this has since disappeared. It was nearly sold in 1953 but people in Stretham organised services and the chapel remained open. Now two families are opposing its sale 59 02 04a

1959 04 22

Albert Sadler, Stretham lorry driver accident – 59 04 22, 22a, 22b, 59 04 29

-o-o- 1960 -o-o-

1960 born at Stretham 83 years ago Riley Smith is rural character with his self propelled bicycle, carries on mobile grindery business [SN65]

1960 farewell Dr Fairweather, Apr 15 [SN65]

1960 12 17

A diesel engine pulling a trainload of coal leaped from the track at Stretham Fen in the early hours and plunged down a ten-foot embankment, trapping the driver and fireman. They were freed from the wreckage of the cab which was crushed as it ploughed into the soft earth, and taken to hospital. Investigators believe the crash was caused by a swaying wagon on a 60 mph parcels express which hit the 45 mph coal train. Eight wagons containing Christmas parcels jumped from the rails, ripping up tracks and bringing down telephone wires. Nearly 100 railwaymen worked to clear the main Cambridge to Ely line. 60 12 17 track back to normal – 60 12 19b

-o-o- 1961 -o-o-

1961 Over sixties, Black hut

1961 enlarged church hall opened, cost £2562 [PCC]

1961 06 03

Garry Hemmings dies after fall from tree [scan]

1961 07 11

J.A. Willsdon head (till 1968) [CIP 11.7.74]

1961 08 04

Chequers taken by Hemmings [ES 4.8.1988]

1961 10 19

Stretham church hall dedicated; new building converts old parish room into kitchen & toilet accommodation – 61 10 19 [scan]

-o-o- 1962 -o-o-

1962

Charity value cottage originally schoolroom and range of almshouses not used as outbuildings, cottage of very poor standard and now let to Mr Butteris at weekly rent of 10s. – value whole as development site £250 [SN49]

1962

PC reject sale Grunty Fen allotments [SN133]

1962

PC refuse pay lights new roundabout [SN133]

1962

110 on church electoral roll [PCC]

1962 02 08

Patrick Brennan poultry houses, Short Road fails planning [scan]

1962 02 13

Foxton Hall has been added to the ever-growing list of country mansions to be used for new purposes. It has been acquired by Dr H. Hurst to study his new technology for inserting a liquid damp-proof course into buildings which are being ruined by rising damp. Initial research was carried out at the Cambridge University Department of Colloid Science and continued at the Timber-proofing Laboratories at Trumpington. It has been employed at the Leys School, Bourn Vicarage and the Royal Oak public house at Stretham. 62 02 13a

1962 12 19

A Stretham boy, waiting for his school bus outside Bridge Cottage, opposite the Royal Oak pub missed death by inches when a Premier Travel coach skidded on a bend and crashed into the living room, knocking down the outside wall. Most of the furniture was badly damaged by falling masonry and the Christmas decorations were strewn all over the floor. Last year a lorry crashed into the corner of the house, but no great damage was done 62 12 19a [cutt]

-o-o- 1963 -o-o-

1963 Ely Road pond filled [SN133]

1963 long delay repairing roads after sewage pipes laid [SN133]

1963 04 25

G. Hamit of Green End Stretham has bird box for blackbirds, son Terence collects eggs – 63 04 25a

1963 07 30

Cage Lane erection six dwellings by I.R. Sennitt approved, Field Side – [scan]

1963 08 27a

Going 'on the beat' for P.c. William Lythell of Stretham has for nearly 20 years meant just stepping outside his own front and making a tour of the village in which he was born and brought up. He joined as a War Reserve one September morning in 1939 and transferred to Stretham five years later, a place where everyone was his friend. One of the few constables who still rides a pedal cycle on duty, he has thoroughly enjoyed his work. He married a local girl and one of his sons is also a policeman. 63 08 27a

1963 09 05

accident cars, Cambridge Rd [scan]

1963 10 09

cub group formed [EWN 9.10.1986]

1963 10 31

Lilian Pikett stops shop ('5 years ago' ES 31.10.1968)

1963 12 08

Edwin Dyson, café owner, dispute with plumber – CDN 9 Dec 1963 [scan], 09

-o-o- 1964 -o-o-

1964

ask for village policeman in place Mr Lythell [SN133]

1964 01 09

Down Your Street article on Peas Hill, mentions F.O. Sennitt [cutt]

1964 01 27

Stretham plough blessed in church, photo – 64 01 27b [scan]

1964 01 30

Once a day, at 1.15 pm, a little diesel train leaves Ely station, goes eight miles and arrives at Sutton. Then at 3.20 pm it turns round and goes back again. Hauling three goods wagons, it stops first at Little Thetford where the driver and fireman nip down smartly from the cab, open and close the gates, and continue the trip. It carries mainly fuel, with possible stops at Stretham, Wilburton and Haddenham stations. Thirty years this little-known line carried a passenger service. It was constructed under the Grunty Fen Railway Act of 1864 and the Friends of Haddenham hope to run a centenary passenger special. 64 01 30b

1964 01 31

service for farmers – single-furrow plough blessed – photo – CIP [scan]

1964 02 18

Appeal for garage site by Mr. Grain. 18-2-64 p10 c3

1964 03 28

Stretham bypass marked out in fields – 64 03 28b

1964 04 09

Stretham cross brickwork crumbling away – 64 04 09a

1964 07 15

Stretham bypass work continues – photo – 64 07 15

1964 08 22

Stretham roundabout work underway, photo [cutt]

1964 09 03

Plans by Theodora Gibbons of Hope Cottage, Wilburton Road, Stretham for residential development on 10 acres of land in Watson's Lane, Little Thetford were too extensive, planners say. The site fronts on an unmade drove and there is no sewer, though a public water supply was available. Permission was granted to develop the frontage only, providing access to the rear was created to cater for possible further development in stages. 64 09 03

1964 09 10

Cost of cross upkeep ask Ministry to inspect, deteriorating terribly CNC

1964 09 11

The 14th-century cross at Stretham is in danger of collapsing unless it is repaired. A Cambridge firm have estimated that the renovations would cost up to £4000 but Ely Rural Council cannot obtain a grant from the Ministry of Works and Public Buildings. Stretham Parish Council have powers to spend only one-fifth of a penny rate (about £15) on the cross – 64 09 11 pic – cross & car

1964 10 18

Michael Brickwood banned from driving after car found in ditch, Cambridge Rd [scan]

1964 10 20

Stretham bypass newly opened [CEN 20.10.1964] [scan] 64 10 20

1964 10 23

Fishing at Royal Oak – photo – CDN 64 10 23 [scan]

1964 10 30

Fishing at Military bridge – photo – CDN 64 10 30 [scan]

1964 11 20

Fishing Old West – photo CDN 64 10 20 [scan]

1964 12 02

Escape for driver in ice crash – lorry skidded at Ferry Bridge – pic lorry CNC

1964 12 10

Stretham parish council allow Sunday sport on recreation ground despite protests – 64 12 10b

1964 12 11

CEN Picture Parade Life in a Village feature – Bypass, stacks, Engine interior & ext, windmill, cross, G. Dimock holds battered banknote, Bill Burgess, landlord Royal Oak inspects coracle model, High Street looking N to Chequers, children in playground behind fence[CEN 11.12.1964] [cut] 64 12 11c [SCAN] CNC

Letter re Engine house by A.F. Leach

1964 12 12

Stretham – Pearce postman picture – 64 12 12

1964 12 18

Picture of church across fields in frost – CN 64 12 18c [scan]

-o-o- 1965 -o-o-

1965 01 08

PC pay to cross repairs [CEN 8.1.1965] [SN133] CIP [scan]

1965 02 02

Old West River near Stretham – photo – 65 02 02b

1965 02 18d

Arthur Goad executors appear against refusal of filling station at Ely Road: the Central Garage, which had been bypassed had lost half its petrol sales and wanted to sell the site to B.G. Stubbins, the proprietor CDN [scan] CNC

1965 03 16

Rev D Foulds to sit in church for 5 hrs to receive gifts. 16-3-65. P,9.c.1. N.

1965 03 22

£119 raised at Gift Day. 22-3-63. p2.c3. pic.

1965 04 15

Restoration work on Cross completed. 1965 04 15 CNC

1965 04 24

Appeal for garage site against IoE CC decision fails. 24-4-65 p.6 CNC

1965 05 13

Leslie Dyer of Brook Lane breeds rabbit for meat, has 300 – 400 65 05 13a CDN [scan]

1965 05 14

New tapestry hassock tops being made 14-5-65 p9 c2

1965 05 14

Sale of work raises £80 – 14-5-65 p3

1965 05 17

Annual feast & parade last Sunday. 17-5-65 p6

1965 06 24

Fish & Duck landlord Sidney Wicks came four years ago; in winter 1962 the water froze to 21 inches deep and the pub was cut off by heavy snow; the only way beer could be brought was on sledges down the river and they were visited by skaters – 65 06 24b, cc

1965 07 21

Open Day cancelled due to measles & chickenpox epidemic 21-7-65 p10 col.4

1965 09 16

Two left as Sun goes: once had 13 public houses as landlady Mrs B.S. Langford retires CNC

1965 12 09

Wickford School speech day – includes Beatrice Stevens pic [cutt

-o-o- 1966 -o-o-

1966 Akeman Close named [SN133]

1966 Charity sell almshouses [SN80]

1966 01 29

Exhibition to be held at Church Hall 29-1-66. p.7.

1966 02 04

Application to build British Legion hall refused by Ely Rural Council Housing Committee. 4-2-66 p17

1966 02 10

Annual church meeting.- £557 raised towards fabric fund 10-2-66 p7 c4

1966 02 18

Rev D Foulds dedicates new green & gold vestments at church exhibition 18-2-66. p. 19. c6 CNC

1966 02 28

Gift day raises £120. 28-2-66. p.5-c.5.pic.

1966 03 10

Stretham race to church repair target CNC

1966 03 15

Village Produce Assoc may fold up. 15-3-66. 11a. correction. 16-3-66. 16a. CNC

1966 04 05

Sports Assoc flower show meeting called off as only 2 members attended. 5-4-66 p14

1966 04 29

Railway stations to be sold at Six Mile Bottom, Sutton (pic), Bluntisham, Haddenham, Harston, Wilburton, Stretham, Dullingham, Isleham, Longstanton – 66 04 29a

1966 07 05

Rev Dennis Foulds moves to Littleport [CN 5.7.1966]

1966 07 06

Children playing on the river bank nr the Royal Oak. 66 07 06 pic.

1966 07 08

Plesiosaur bones found at Stretham – 66 07 08b, 11

1966 07 20

Primary Sch Open day 20-7-66. 16. a. Pic

1966 09 03

John Hornby inducted, previously rector 5 S. Cambs. parishes for 7 years; married, wife works at school 66 09 03 [CEN 3.9.1966 PCC]

1966 09 23

15 yr old Nicholas Stevenson boating in morning mist photo – 66 09 23 Pic 5488D

-o-o- 1967 -o-o-

Stretham Methodist bazaar [cutt]

1967 01 21

Red Lion : Albert Blayney leaves [ES 28.6.1984] Ted Langford succeeds [ES 21.1.1988]

1967 03 09

Ferry Bridge to be replaced 9-3-67 14.d.

1967 03 13

Lydon family ask NSPCC to help find them a new home as the one they bought last Sept is 'rotting'¹
13-3-67- 8b. pic. N.

1967 03 29

Most of applications for houses in village coming from people outside. 29-3-67 15e
Par Cl make £25 grant towards upkeep of churchyard. 29-3-67 16d

1967 05 01

Annual gift day - £.90 collected. 1-5-67. 8e

1967 05 22

Annual Feast Sunday parade. 22-5-67. 8c.N.

1967 06 22

Christopher Carter receives Queen's Scout Award, first time for village [scan]

1967 08 03 [scan]

sale butchery equipment J. Garner, retired 24 Aug 1967

Stretham third in Best Kept village

Football club fete raises £65. 11.8.67

Death former nurse Amy Routledge, Barbara Yardy wins miniskirt competition - 18.8.67

1967 08 11

Wood Lane cottage garden photo [scan]

1967 08 17

crickets – council do not admit they are from tip, picture of Terry Yardy [scan]

1967 08 18

Stretham hit by plaque of crickets [scan]

1967 08 24

Joseph Garners butcher's shop sale; retired due ill health [ES 24.8.1967] dies [CIP 12.1.1968]

1967 08 24

Michael Petty passed Library Association examination, works at Cambridge Reference Library [scan]

1967 08 25

car crashed through iron railing at Stretham Ferry Bridge – photo [scan]

1967 11 10

£60 start for new Methodist fund; Mr Harry Howe death, Visit of Salvationist, All Saints Day eucharist, Sunday services, Over sixties club CIP [scan]

1967 12 14

Joseph Stubbins of Hillcrest, Ely Road, celebrates Golden Wedding – photo –[scan]

-o-o- 1968 -o-o-

1968 01 11

Joseph Garner funeral , butcher 40 years, during war secretary Homecoming fund [scan]

1968 01 18

Methodist Sunday School New Year party – photo – [scan]

1968 01 22.

Annual Plough service. 22-1-68. 8c.

1968 01 25

Pre-school play group established by Margaret Kendall & Jean Lee – photo [scan]

1968 01 26

Stretham Old Engine feature by Rodney Tibbs – 68 01 26a [scan]

1968 02 01

Charity stop distributing school attendance money [ES 1.2.1968]

1968 02 06

Passing the parcel at British Legion party – photo [scan]

1968 02 08

Methodist Sunday School fish & chip party – photo includes Nigel Russell, Tony Rutterford, Mark Cockerton [scan]

1968 02 09

Leslie Dyer ferry breeder feature 68 02 09 [scan]

1968 02 29

new road to Fish & Duck being built [ES 29.2.1968]

1968 03 16

Police watching streets after complaints of boys playing football with tin cans until late at night 16-3-68 10f CNC

1968 03 19

Annual Par meeting to be asked about spending £50 on draining part recreation ground. 19-3-68. 14f. S.

1968 03 27

Par Cl £25 to help maintain churchyard 27-3-68. 14c,

1968 03 27

Church Trustees arrangements for improvements to Top St houses 27-3-68 14.b. H

1968 04 18

Mike Petty talk on village history to WI in British Legion Hall [scan]

1968 04 26

Mike Petty talk on history of Stretham [scan]

1968 05 01

Conservative branch party – photo includes W.C. Martin, Mrs L. Sennitt & K. Perry [scan]

1968 05 02

Choristers' football team win Choristers league – photo [scan]

1968 05 06

Annual gift day. 6-5-68. 10e.

1968 05 15

Bad repairs blamed on county – Berry Green pavements CNC

1968 05 17

Mike Petty display history of village as part of Feast [scan] CNC

1968 05 20

Feast Sunday 20-5-68 Pic 6597/p/27A

1968 05 23

Feast Sunday £40 profit. 23-5-68. 12f. H.

1968 05 25

Diana Smith, Oakley House – dogs found – photo [scan]

1968 05 28

J.H Kisby re-elected chmn of Par Cl. 28-5-68. 12f.

1968 06

Ely Road bungalows erected [CN 6.1968]

1968 06 07

CEN Picture Parade feature – Pearce, school, Hornby [CIP 7.6.1968] . pix.6652P/25 etc. CIP.

1968 06 13

weather cleared in time for Stretham fete – photo of children [scan]

Drove may be village short-cut – from Berry Close to Ely Road CNC

1969 06 20

Fijian baby baptised at Stretham – son of temporary resident ES [scan]

1968 07 03

Memorial Hall Fund closes with two bus shelters but no hall 3-7-68. 12. a. CNC

Disused wells cause concern 3.7.68. 12. a. CNC

1968 07 05

bus shelters erected Rectory wall with Memorial Hall money by Village Memorial Hall Committee [SN133 CIP 5.7.1968]

1968 07 11

Mike Petty elected ALA – [scan]

1968 07 11

Best-kept village – photos church and High Street [scan]

1968 07 17

Isle of Ely Best Kept Village 17.7-68. 12. e.

1968 08 06

Mike Petty exhibition to mark Best Kept Village – photo – [scan]

1968 08 06

Best Kept Village presentation – photo includes John Kisby – [scan]

1968 08 08

Horace Carter Holiday, horticulturalist – obit – [scan]

1968 08 08

Best Kept trophy unveiled – photo of councillors [scan]

1968 08 09

win Best Kept village; MJP exhibition in Black Hut ES 18.4.1968, CEN 11.7.1968, presentation CEN 9.8.1968

1968 08 09

changing face of Stretham exhibition seen by 100 – [scan]

1968 08 15

garden fete to raise money for Football club toilet and shower facilities – photo [scan]

1968 08 15

Football Club fete Miss Stretham – Denise Sadler and Marilyn Kennedy, bonny babies – Helen Dyer, Timothy Bradshaw and Julie Goodge with mothers – photo [scan]

1968 08 18

plague of crickets ‘from refuse tip, Newmarket Rd’ [CIP 18.8.1967]

1968 08 01

BKV to be presented w plaque on Monday 1-8-68. 11. f.

1968 08 06

BKV plaque unveiled. 6-8-68. 10d. pic. 7865P/37A.

Face to face with history Exhibition of history of village held last night. 6-8-68. 10b. pic – Mike Petty 7866 CNC

1968 09 04

Par Cl discuss lack of policemen in village. 4-9-68. 12d. H.

1968 09 06

‘Best Kept Village’ sign to be moved 6-9-68 22f

1968 09 12

‘Without village policeman for more than 3 years’ [ES 12.9.1968]

1968 09 13

Gravel & Dimmock’s Cote farm estates sold by S.R. Hopkin bought by Guy Shropshire for record price of £435 an acre [CN 13.9.1968] [scan] & advert [scan]

1968 09 19

Fish & Duck pub flooded – photo – [scan]

1968 09 19

Guy Shropshire buys S.R. Hopkin’s Gravel & Dimmock’s Cote farms – [scan]

1968 10 03

Oakley House pigsty fire – [scan]

1968 10 08

Royal Oak customers collect bottles – photo landlord William Burgess [scan]

1968 10 21

John Willsdon, head for five years leaving, photo [scan]

1968 10 24

land abutting Ely Road and Station Road bought by J. Borland, the Ely builder – [scan]

1968 10 31

funeral Lilian Pikett, d. Girton; continued business until 5 years ago [ES 31.10.1968 ES 8.11.1968]
Primary school John Willsdon (headmaster) leaving to be lecturer 31-10-68 14e pic 1154/R [scan]

1968 11 01

Anglican-Methodist unity discussed, Mothers' Union CIP [scan]

1968 11 04

church Bingo sessions organised aid funds ['3 years ago' – ES 4.11.1971]

1968 11 06

traffic using Chapel Lane criticised. 6-11-68. 16e.

1968 11 07

Lilian Pikett funeral – [scan]

1968 11 09

Baptist pastor Brian Westrep to leave after 11 years – photo [scan]

1968 11 15

Westrep leaves, Remembrance, Sally Wright dies in Canada [scan]

1968 11 16

Trevor Williams appointed headmaster. 16-11-68 10f [scan]

1968 11 20

Pat Rutterford of Cambridge Road missing, leaves six children – photo [scan]

1968 11 28

Pat Rutterford returns [scan]

1968 11 30

Lane open to traffic 'a danger' – Chapel Lane posts knocked down CNC

1968 12 02

playgroup children in Advent ceremony – photo – [scan]

1968 12 04

Possibility of Young Wives group & mens fellowship being started 4.12.68 16f

1968 12 05

British Legion Women's section fete – photo [scan]

1968 12 19

Alf Hemmings of Chequers served beer after time – [scan]

1968 12 19

church bazaar – photo includes Rev Hornby – [scan]

1968 12 31

Orchard House sale £15,500 [CN 31.12.1968]

-o-o- 1969 -o-o-

1969 Fieldside bungalow approved [SN133]

1969 Constable flooding, Wilburton Rd [SN133]

1969 01 09

Brian Westrep, Baptist pastor to leaves, started 1958 [ES 9.1.1969, CN 9.1.1968 pic, 15.11.1968]

1969 01 09

Dorothy Clark obituary – Post Office, during war St John Ambulance; lost son Richard in flying accident – [scan]

1969 01 11

Playgroup to start Methodist schoolroom [CN 11.1.1969]

1969 01 11

Stretham wintry sun over river photo – 69 01 11b

1969 01 20

WI annual tea – photo – [scan]

1969 01 30

Cyril Parish breeds 16 piglets – photo – [scan]

1969 02 06

... and still room for more – Methodist children; photo includes Mrs G. Palmer, Mrs A. Russell, children ES [scan]

1969 02 13

William (Billy) Wolfe obit – [scan]

1969 02 20

playgroup fancy dress – photo – [scan]

1969 02 20

Fish & chips, the party choice – Methodist church; photo includes G. Palmer, P.J. Cockerton, children ES [scan]

1969 02 26

Young bellringers team 26-2-69. 16f [scan]

1969 03 01

Nine members of church council not to seek re-election over 'dictatorship' of rector. John Hornby; 69 03 01 (fuller. 10b. pic. E.) [scan] CNC

1969 03 04

Brian Routledge supports Vicar. 4-3-69. 12d. CNC

1969 03 05

To enter BKV comp although not eligible for prize. 5-3-69 18d.

1969 03 07

Dictatorship of rector, 5 members church council resigned Nov 1968, now 9 not standing; church membership campaign started [7.3.1969 PCC] [scan]
restor puzzled by 'dictator' claims, restates his aims - scan

1969 03 20

Conservative branch first dinner – photo – [scan]

1969 03 21

Church history made in village – Methodists and church meet for Holy Communion, Sunday service, Mothering Sunday CIP [scan]

1969 03 24

members Methodist & CoE meet for Holy Communion in Methodist church, 1st time [24.3.1969] [scan]

1969 03 26

Par Cl to make £25 annual grant towards upkeep of churchyard. 26-3-69; 4d.
Par Cllr worried that a high wall in Top st may be dangerous. 26-3-69. 14e. E.

1969 03 26

Stretham wells in need of new covers CNC
Bus shelter – seek estimates for second in memory Percy Hazel CNC

1969 03 28

parish council do not want to share roadman, Adna Sennitt – photo [scan]

1969 04 07

Baptist Church Hall plan 7-4-69. 8.f. x.

1969 04 24

Engine: D Jackson article on where to take the children. 25-4-69. 12f.

1969 05 01

S.E. Kitson Parochial Ch Cl Secretary presented w 400 day clock. 1-5-69. 14.e.

1969 05 14

PC J.H. Kisby re-elected chmn. 14-5-69. Ed.
To enter regional BKY comp this year. 14-5-69. He.

1969 05 14

Stretham play plea rejected – concrete bases, recreation ground CNC

1969 05 19

Annual feast yesterday. 19-5-69 raised £39 20-5-69. Be.

1969 06 19

New village interest in Feast Day CNC

1969 05 13

Street lamp plan ‘a waste of money’ – have 34, need 100 CNC

1969 05 20

Sunday proceeds down by £15 – feast raised £39 CNC

1969 05 22

school lent swimming pool by Manor School for two years – photo [CN 22.5.1969] 22-5-69 pc 12649/P/22 [scan]

1969 05 29

school put finishing touches to pool – photo – [scan]

1969 06 12

£12,000 repair programme for houses 12-6-69 E.d. [scan] CNC

1969 06 17

John Edgar Constable obituary – [scan]

1969 06 19

fete makes £100 – photo of children [scan]

1969 06 26

Fish and Duck to move from beerhouse to paradise – [scan]

1969 07 03

Emily Creek obituary – [scan]

1969 07 17

Ebenezer Everitt obituary – served WWI – [scan]

1969 07 31

A. Routledge workshops, Chapel Lane withdrawn; has planning permission [ES 31.7.1969]

1969 09 04

Par C1 to decide who to fill vacancy 4-9-69. 7.d.

1969 09 05

Parish council want OP bungalows built in village. 5-9-69- CNC

1969 09 12

Sennitt roadman feature [CN 28.2.1969] ‘recently withdrawn as full-time roadman’ [ES 12.9.1968]

1969 09 12

fen land prices – eyes on sale of 2,500 acres of Hiam land – [scan]

1969 09 28

Sarah Jane Sadler obituary – [scan]

1969 10 09

Charles Clark obituary – [scan]

1969 10 31

T.I.Williams head from January taking over from John Willsdon [SB35] [CN 31.10.1968, 18.11.1968]

1969 10 03

Rev Hornby holds Harvest Festival in Chequers. pic [ES 3.10.1969] [scan]

1969 10 09

A drink – then the service – Rev Hornnby with customers in Chequers – photo – [scan]

1969 10 30

Hiam’s farms at Shippea Hill, Pratts Farm Prickwillow, Ape’s Hall Littleport and Stretham not sold – 69 10 30

1969 11 13

death Hilda Cook, former District Nurse & midwife; retired 5 years ago [ES 13.11.1969] [scan]

1969 11 13

demolition Almshouses, Chapel St delayed [ES 13.11.1969]

1969 11 15

Josephine Victory of Stretham starts training RAF nursing – 69 11 15

-o-o- 1970 -o-o-

1970 01 14

Annual plough service to be held on Sunday, 14-1-70,

Par Cl want bumpy roads at junction of Newmarket Rd & Wilburton Rd. 14-1-70. Hb.

1970 01 15

Bruce Sinden inducted pastor Baptist church [CIP 15.1.1970 ES 15.1.1970] [scan]

1970 01 19

Improvements being carried along road to Soham & Wicken should be expended to Dirmnocks Cote, 19-1-70. 13f.

1970 01 22

bus shelter erected beside Red Lion, Hazel meets costs [ES 22.1.1970]

1970 02 05

fire 15 Berry Close [CIP 5.2.1970]

1970 02 05

death Mrs Bryda Selina Langford, licensee & landlady nearly 50 years, at White Horse till closure then Sun [CIP 5.2.1970]

1970 03 25

County Cl to be asked to impose waiting restrictions in Newmarket Rd 25-3-70. He.

1970 04 13

Feofees cottages modernised [ES 13.4.1970]

1970 04 16

The people with an eye for a bargain raise £1 a minute – Methodist bazaar; photo includes Margaret White, B.C. Stevens, children CEN [scan]

1970 05 19

new village interest in Stretham's Feast Day 19.5.70, E.f.

1970 05 22

John Kisby re-elected PC chairman, E Edgeley vice chmn 22-5-70. 29f

1970 05 28

J.H. Acred retires as Parish clerk, (was appointed 5.1942) [ES 28.5.1970 ES 16.7.1970] [scan]
Brian Routledge succeeds

1970 07 08

John Acred retires as Par Clerk, 8-7-70. E.c.

1970 07 08

Some like it hot ... retiring clerk John Acred presented with heater CNC

1970 07 28

Stretham Ferry Bridge accident – 70 07 28a

1970 08 05

Ferry bridge road resurfaced 5-8-70 11f pic CNC

Stretham Ferry black spot 'to be improved' CNC

1970 09 09

Par. Cl. to ask about plans for village. 9.9.70. E.e. CNC

1970 09 15

Petitions for Berry Green play area 15.9.70 15.b CNC

1970 10 01

Fish & Duck marina will cost thousands, says Albert Cedar – 70 10 01

1970 10 07

Pavilion grant to football club CNC

1970 10 17

E.C. planning extension to pavilion, including locals 17.10.70

1970 11 14

Church revoke 'gentlemen's agreement' on graveyard CNC

1970 11 16

Methodist Church Bazaar 16.11.70. E.G. Pic.

1970 11 19

OP bungalows - site too bleak 19-11-70.

-o-o- 1971 -o-o-

1971 01 13

Par. Council to meet monthly 13.1.71. 16.f,X

1971 01 21

population may increase by 25% [ES 21.1.1971]

1971 02 11

Plea for filled-in pond to be tidied-up 11.2. 71. 16.d.

1971 03 03

Par Cl tour churchyard 3-3-71. 14.f.

1971 03 04

Brownie pack formed with Mrs Ingram & Mrs P. Regan in charge [CIP 4.2.1971]

1971 03 11

Parish council to look after churchyard [scan]

1971 03 24

Par. Cou to ask post office for another kiosk. 24.3-71 16fX

1971 03 31

Residents say No footpath decision A10 is risk to life.31.3.71. 20d CNC

1971 04 01

Wilburton road flooding – meeting [ES 1.4.1971]

Churchyard handed to Parish Council [ES 1.4.1971]

1971 01 04

Council get set to look after churchyard CNC

1971 04 06

Meadowcroft Stretham – advertising feature for new homes – 71 04 06

1971 05 08

death Joseph William Stubbins; lost eye WWI, lived Canuck Reads St. 1921 until moved to new bungalow ‘Hillcrest’ Ely Road, 14 years ago; started as bootmaker but planted own orchard Mill Drove; retired 1955 [ES 8.5.1971]

1971 05 18

Feast Day raises £57 18-5-71 6,b. X.

1971 05 20

PC to discuss site for housing and school 20-5-71- 18.d. X.

1971 05 28

Meadowcroft name approved [ES 17.6.1971] – (plans opposed 28.5.1970 SN133); advert [CEN 6.4.1971]

1971 06 04

Stretham not a village for large-scale housing and plans by J.B. Smith for 42 homes off New Road would be against policy – 71 06 04

1971 06 10

PC question classification of village as one unlikely to develop over next 10 years 10.6.71 9d.X

1971 07 14

Parish Coun is the most long-winded 14.7.71. 14.7.71. 13, CNC

1971 06 17

Parish council keeping eye on flood situation- ES – [scan]

1971 07 30

Ronal Yardy scrapyard defied council p19b

1971 10 06

PC nominate Edgeley as member playing fields association p15f

1971 10 06

Locked churches – keep open – Melanie Hornby – Times 6 Oct 1971 [scan]

1971 10 07

PC aim to cut down on chat p16b

1971 10 15

rector’s wife, Mrs Hornby pleads for churches to be open all the time, like Stretham p5d

1971 10 27

Council aim to cut down the chat CNC

1971 11 03

PC fill in questionnaire re environmental problems village p17b

1971 11 10

Geoff Beasley retires as milkman - pic 71 11 10a [CEN 10.11.1971 ES 11.11.1971 [scan]

Planning inquiry into extension offices L.A. Jackson Ltd p15f

1971 11 11

Methodist bazaar raises £70; Wesley bright hour, Trustees meeting, All Saints Day CIP [scan]

1971 11 18

Youth Club feature, Alan Ingle [ES 18.11.1971] [scan]

1971 12 07

rubbish tip will eventually become agricultural land again p11e

-o-o- 1972 -o-o-

1972 church electoral roll now 32 [PCC]

1972 01 12

Churchyard cost £100 in less than a year CNC

1972 01 13

High Street residents upset by noise from scooter boys p18c CNC

1972 01 17

silhouettes of parish council planting trees on Mill Drove – CEN – [scan]

1972 01 20

No reason to ban homes plan J.B. Smith - estate of 42 houses may still be built but plans delayed p11b CNC

1972 01 28

Tiled House Farm on market for £74,500 [CEN 28.1.1972]

1972 02 02

annual parish meeting to be held p17a

1972 02 03

Baptist church upset by noise from vehicles using depot p11a CNC

1972 02 04

Baptist – director replies to criticism p22d

1972 02 03

Pit an eyesore, health hazard and fire risk – photo John Jones – ES – [scan]

1972 02 10

contractor's yard noises interfered with Baptist services – ES – [scan]

1972 02 04

Firm answer noise complaint – L.A. Jackson CNC

1972 03 05

Stretham fence to be removed at recreation ground CNC

1972 03 11

L.A. Jackson (Lewmac) civil engineering contractor in yard beside Baptist chapel disruption; repair & testing of vehicles, loading & unloading material for civil engineering – planners refuse extension; move from village [CEN 11.3.1972 CEN 9.1.1973] p9b CNC

1972 03 14

Stretham land link sought – footpath Berry Close CNC

1972 04 14

petition re crossing Newmarket Road [CIP 14.4.1972]

1972 04 19

Housing to be deferred until village plan published p1 CNC

1972 04 22

play area may be included in plan for new school p11a

1972 04 22

county planning team to visit village to work on village plan p11a

1972 05 18

football pavilion extensions opened [ES 18.5.1972]

1972 05 22

feast Sunday p13b

1972 06

Village plan meeting [6.1972]

1972 06 07

Ernest Edgley elected chairman p16f

1972 07 01

Church safe thieves fail - CNC

1972 07 09

plans Hazel Ct [SN133] (tenders 20 dwellings, Top St [CEN 9.7.1972])

1972 08 18

Fish & Duck Marina suite opened [CEN 18.8.1972]

1972 09 06

parish council want rise population of 500, special meeting soon to pick new clerk, subsidence in Wilburton Road worse & complaints re parking recreation ground p16f CNC

1972 09 14

Brian Routledge resigns as parish council clerk after 2 years, Brian Dunn appointed [ES 14.9.1972]

1972 09 15

Horkey revived at Elford Farm 15-9-72. 37.e. X. CNC

1972 09 23

Brian Dunne appointed parish clerk CNC

1972 11 09

Horace Taylor retires as bakers roundsman, started in 1930 for P. Bradshaw making deliveries in horse & cart, washing it in pond; when van introduced the horse was kept so could make deliveries in the fen. Burrows of Manea acquired the bakery in 1960 and Horace collects bread each morning. But Burrows now retired [ES 9.11.1972] [scan]

1972 11 30

Stood on chair at opening – Methodist bazaar ES [scan]

1972 12 07

Par Coun to put up rent of farmland 7.12.72

1972 12 28

Children star in nativity plan – Methodist [scan]

-o-o- 1973 -o-o-

1973

draft village plan published; facilities included school, Baptist & Methodist churches, Post Office, 2 general stores, butcher, confectioner/café, electrical goods, antiques, turf accountant, 2 petrol filling stations, 2 garages, 2 public houses, coal merchant. The school was on two sites with a total roll of 88 pupils, which was expected to rise to about 100. A new school was being planned with a capacity of 140-180 but was unlikely to be started before 1976. The agricultural basis of employment was becoming eroded and other commercial concerns were not labour intensive (grain merchants, hauliers, plant hire, coal merchant etc). Since the bypass has taken most of the through traffic the High Street has almost become a traffic-free precinct, although the A1123 has in recent years been increasingly used by heavy traffic from the Midlands to the East Coast ports. Improvement of the road around the allotments would be necessary sometime in the future. Population of 1,000 was expected to rise to 1,460 by 1981. Two new main residential areas were earmarked: between Short Road and Green End & part of the land north of Berry Green, owned by the District Council. This would give an additional population of 200 people, anticipating a figure of 1460 residents by 1981. This would put pressure on the school, which could accommodate a maximum of 120 pupils. There would also need to be work on the sewage capacity. [SB111]

1973 01 11

Dyers' two cottages & building plot sold [ES 11.1.1973]

1973 02 15

Faggot cutters of Stretham, to strengthen river banks – pic men cutting 73 02 15 CNC

1973 03 06

Surgery & chemists needed 6.3.73 15dX CNC

1973 03 21

Haulage firm drops a bombshell - Wright's withdraw lorries from feast, own 13 lorries, had supplied 2 to Feast [CEN 21.3.1973] – photo I am the light float from last year's feast– [scan]

1973 03 23

Village plan accepted by Ely Rural Council 23.3.73 22cX

1973 03 23

Call for witnesses after death crash at Stretham, Dimmock's Cote railway crossing – photo CEN [scan]

1973 03 24

Death crash inquest adjourned CEN

1973 03 24

The Stretham Sunday feast parade which appeared in jeopardy earlier this week will go on the Rev John Hornby said yesterday. Fears that the feast might be cancelled grew when Mrs Lottie Wright of Eric Wright Haulage of High Street Stretham said they would not be helping any fund-raising activities in the village. Mrs Wright told the annual parish meeting she thought remarks made by councillors about her firm's safety record were "libellous" and this was why she pulled out. But Mr Hornby, the village rector said he had an offer of alternative vehicles for the May 6 parade within 24 hours of the announcement 24.3-73- 7f CNC

1973 04 23

Rector collects £100 at church gate for maintenance 23.4.73 6d

1973 04 26

windmill sale by E.F.S. Hale, Sutton, plan turn into house [CEN 26.4.1973, 17.5.1973] 26.4.73 12d Pic (13cX Pic)

1973 04 26

for sale – fenland mill with cathedral views – photo mill with For Sale signs– CEN – [scan] CNC

1973 05 17

The fens were yesterday swept by the most severe blow this spring, as high winds picked up the lighter peats in the Soham, Stretham and Mepal district, uprooting new sown crops of beet and carrots, which are particularly vulnerable. The blow appeared to be widespread and raged for several hours. There have been two blows so far this spring but neither has caused widespread damage. Last year, more than 10,000 acres of sugar beet had to be replanted after a blow at roughly the same time. A Soham farmer, Mr Guy Shropshire has been using a prototype machine which "plants" straw between vegetable rows to prevent wind damage on his 1,000-acre farm Green End homes approved 73 05 17 (13bX) .

1973 05 17

Conservation order for village approved CNC

1973 06 13

Ernest Edgley re-elected chairman of Parish Cl 13-6.73 13e

Windmill owner applies to change to residential use 13.6. 73 13d

Parish Cl approve idea for play area 13.6.73 15d (14fX) CNC

Parish council back plan for doctors surgery 13.6.73 15 a CNC

Parish council still want light industry 13.6.73 15eX CNC

Parish council don't support villagers plan for by-pass 13-6.73 14eX

Parish council criticise planners for not attending meeting re village plan 13.6.73 14Fx CNC

1973 06 13

Bedroom view from windmill plea fails - Mike Petty CEN – [scan] CNC

1973 06 26

Windows falling out of Cambridge Road council houses, say tenants pic Mrs Ethel Everitt CNC

1973 07 05

death J.H. Acred [ES 5.7.1973]

Windmill for house scheme supported 17-5-73 12d

Advice to turn windmill into living accommodation ignored. 17-5.73 12fX.

1973 07 15

Council fail to support villagers call for by-pass – Newmarket Road crossing to recreation ground
CNC

1973 05 17

Council approve homes plan – 42 units at Green End thought too high but Edgley urged approval
CNC

1973 08 30

Holliday's get off-licence [ES 30.8.1973]

1973 09 05

Brian Dunn, clerk PC resigns, advertise for new p15e

Parish council do not support planning appln by Mrs I. Sennitt for 3 acres at New Road, Green End
5.9.73 11d CNC

1973 09 06

Top Street plans for 16 old people's places p15a CNC

1973 09 22

Council urged to pack homes tighter p6f

1973 10 04

John Morley appointed parish clerk, replaces Brian Dunn who leaving [CEN 4.10.1973] p16d CNC

-o-o- 1974 -o-o-

1974

Church Hall to be closed except for bingo; PCC financial problems, no quota paid for 1973 [PCC]

1974 01 31

death Russell Wright, former Ely butcher [ES 31.1.1974]

1974 02 06

Car owners living in Stretham face greater rusting problems than car owners elsewhere in the country. The AA which has been undertaking an extensive survey on vehicle corrosion report that a car which is used in a dry part of the country rusts at a faster rate. Stretham is said to be the driest spot in the country. On this basis cars there face a limited life. Lack of rainfall means they do not benefit from the scouring effect which removes mud that contains salt and acid deposits from the roads - CEN – [scan]

1974 04 18

John Hornby leaves - to move to Devon [CEN 12.12.1973 ES 11.4.1974 18.4.1974];

Young couple plan to turn leaking mill into a luxury home - Windmill – Hendricks plan to convert to house, pic – windmill with 'For Sale' notice p13a CNC

1974 04 22

Hazel Court official opening with warden Mr & Mrs Roberts; bouquet from Maud Badcock who'd lived all life in village pic [scan]

1974 05 02

Jack Edward plans for shop with flat above, High St [CEN 2.5.1974]

1974 05 23

Bowls Club extension opened by Hazels [ES 23.5.1974]

1974 06 05

Too many planning applications to keep in safe, p14d CNC

1974 07 04

John Askey inducted, curate Good Shepherd for 18 months [ES 4.7.1974 ES 6.6.1974 CEN 3.3.1992]

1974 07 09

The unofficial title of Champion Herd of Cambridgeshire has gone to the Littleport firm, J.H. Martin & sons ltd, whose 70-strong Friesian herd won three titles in the Milk Marketing Board's milk records competition. It beat off opposition from Grantchester farmer Mr Bob Vigas, who gained second place and Mr F. D. Everitt of Stretham.

1974 07 18

Methodists' anniversary, Annie Clark death, cubs & scouts CIP [scan]

1974 12 09

Rectory – vicar has plans to use 2nd floor, p11g CNC

-o-o- 1975 -o-o-

1975 05 01

CEN aerial photo centred allotments [CEN 1.5.1975] - scan

1975 02 19

Dental surgery, The Elms, Short Rd plans [CEN 19.2.1975] p11a CNC

1975 03 07

Berry Green footpath complaints p11g

1975 03 18

Green End C.R. Clark – 16 dwellings – EC planning p5c

1975 03 27

death Alfred Robert Routledge, master builder, carpenter & undertaker, founded own business after WWII [ES 27.3.1975]

1975 03 13

June's Café included in Egon Ronay Transport Café Guide, open almost 4 years [ES 13.3.1975]

1975 04 10

death Leslie Dyer, rabbit farmer [ES 10.4.1975]

1975 04 30

precept up, residents told p19e

1975 05 01

aerial picture p3

1975 05 08

Ernest Edgley & Eric Roberts elected chair & vice chair parish council p7b

1975 05 09

Parish council consider 2nd playground village p7a

1975 05 22

Methodist rally held at Stretham – annual circuit rally CIP [scan]

1975 05 23

Wood Lane mother's appeal to let them rent land for play area p23b CNC

1975 06 05

Mothers appeal to organise play area p13e

1975 06 10

Green End – 16 bungalows or houses plan turned down p7c CNC

1975 07 03

Paul Hendrich bought windmill 1974 for £7,000 starts to restore as house [ES 3.7.1975] – photo – scan

1975 07 17

Celebration for Methodists – 90th anniversary CIP [scan]

1975 07 23

Work is due to start on the diversion of the A10 and the construction of a new bridge at Stretham Ferry. It will involve diverting the road to the west. A new bridge will be built where the river joins Chear Lode. The Department of the Environment says the present bridge is deteriorating and the bend on the approach restricts visibility and is a hazard to traffic. In the past a number of accidents have occurred at the bridge.

1975 08 20

Ely Road pond to be play area – mothers' action group, sec Mrs Julie Impey [CEN 20.8.1975] – pic – scan CNC

1975 08 28 p8e

planning permission sought for hall with kitchen etc next Baptist church p7a CEN CNC

1975 09 03

cricket & football pitches overlap, p5 g CNC

1975 09 04

Berry Close insurance given for play area, p113 CNC

1975 10 02

Colourful harvest festival – Methodist – CIP [scan]

1975 10 03

aerial picture p17e

1975 10 09

Berry Close to Ely Road footpath to be partly made up, p10g

1975 11 05

Wilburton Road PC to ask for pedestrian crossing p11g CNC

1975 11 06

cricket club to be charged £2 for hiring playing field p12f

parish rate raised by 19% p13b

1975 11 20

Bazaar raises £117 – Methodists ES [scan]

1975 12 10

Top Street ECDC to pay extra increased costs electric heating p10d

1975 12 13

picture of Engine House in dying sun, p5

-o-o- 1976 -o-o-

1976 White Lion restoration

1976 Wooden Bridge timber walls now so rotten intended permanently prohibit use of wooden bridge by motor vehicles [SB8]

1976 01 19

Ferry bridge planning permission refused for boat mooring & slip way p8e CNC

1976 01 20

Green End plan for 20 houses meets 4 objections p113 CNC

Top Street premises of Routledge & Goad plan for two gain silos p10e

1976 02 20

Green End road, two separate plans, council want integrated scheme, p17d CNC

1976 03 25

36 & 38 High Street parish council object to application for 8 houses & garages, p10c CNC

1976 03 30

History re-created as couple refurbish a towering home - Paul & Rose Hendrick restoring windmill p8f picture – Paul Heindrick at top neg 889.76.25 CNC

1976 04 07

Old school to be replaced w £100,000 building. 7-4-76 9e

1976 04 08

Trevor Williams head overjoyed at news of new building. 8-4-76 13d Pic

1976 04 08

Green End Rd - J. Boyd appln for 20 bungs & E.A. Sennett for 16 houses both turned down. 8-4-76 12b CNC

1976 04 15

Par Mtg. Lack of consultation on planning, plan for community group to hear views, fears for play area when new school is built; appeal for efforts to regain Best Kept Village title 15-4-77 25 CNC

1976 04 15

school go-ahead for new building [CIP 15.4.1976]

1976 04 17

Hazel Court old peoples housing scheme handed over to E. Cambs DC. 17-4-76 8g Pic 20-4-76 12c
Pic Edgley and Langford on site CNC

1976 04 17

Hazel Court opens, April, tenants started moving in Dec 75 [CEN 20.4.1976 CIP 22.4.1976] Pic –
Maud Badcock, Marion Hazel, Mrs ...

1976 04 22

plans for King Cob estate accepted after various rejections; had started in 1973 when permission
granted for 3½ acres; permission lapsed and in 1975 E.A. Sennitt applied for 16 houses – rejected.
Jonathan Boyd applied for 20 – rejected. Then Boyd tried for complete site [CEN 22.4.1976,
23.6.1976 ES 23.9.1976 ES 14.10.1976]

1976 05 13

death E.W. Rayner, moved to Grange Farm 1938, where son is now [ES 13.5.1976]

1976 05 13

Parish Council meetings - public to air views, Edward Langford elected Chairman, Kisby vice-
chair. 13-5-76 8a CNC

1976 06 11

Planning granted for new primary sch. 11-6-76 19a

1976 06 18

Parish council back plans houses Green End (King Cob) [cutt]

1976 06 18

mothers petition over fly plague: Marylyn Bailey [cutt]

1976 06 23

Green End - Parish councillors oppose plan for estate for 34 bungs. 23-6-76 CNC

1976 07 01

Green End plan 36 bungalows rejected 1-7-76. 12.f. CNC

1976 07 02

Wilburton Rd - five homes behind Saxon Court plan rejected 2.7.76 18f CNC

1976 07 06

To have new school 7.7.76 [cutt]

1976 07 12

Residents blamed by official for fly 'plague' [cutt]

1976 07 14

villagers swat official for fly plague allegation [cutt]

1976 07 15

plague of flies around Meadowcroft [ES 15.7.1976 CEN 19.7.1976]

1976 07 19

Sir – I would like to protest about the slur cast on the standard of cleanliness of the people of Stretham. The residents are no more negligent of hygiene than those of any other village. Meadowcroft is a new estate, very well kept by the owners. Those nearest the refuse tip are most affected by the plague of flies; more than 200 are being killed in one day in one house by one resident. It has been noted that when the tip has been sprayed the following day the number of flies has decreased. – Michael Young [cutt]

1976 07 21

Tester family fighting for garage survival starts selling caravan, Cambs CC tells them they cannot. 21-7-76 [cutt] pic – Tester at the back of his garage CNC

1976 08 12

Green End Rd - E.A. Sennitt appeals to Whitehall against refusal, 12-8-76 10e CNC

1976 08 12

New road plan for Stretham estate: 34 bungalows by Jonathan Boyd CNC

1976 08 13

Off Green End - new access rd suggested to proposed estate by Jonathan Boyd 13-8-76 [cutt]

1976 08 14

Green End – E.A. Sennitt application for 36 houses & garages 14-8-76 7a CNC [scan]

1976 08 18

Green End - E.A. Sennett application for homes backed by Par Cl. 18-8-76 9c CNC

1976 09 02

Swimming pool at Infants sch to be re-located at site of new sch. 2-9-76 13a

1976 09 07

Green End - J. Boyd has reapplied with modified plans for 35 bungs. 7-9-76 9e CNC

1976 09 15

Ferry Bridge - plan for slipway car park & moorings 15.9.76 11c CNC [scan]

1976 09 16

Green End - 36 houses get permission 16.9.76 11a CNC

1976 10 03

Methodist harvest festival ES - scan

1976 10 07

Green End - plan for 35 bungalows refused. 7-10-76 15a CNC

1976 10 07

Ferry - C Elbrow's appeal to moor boats at Stretham Ferry rejected. 7.10.76 17c CNC

1976 10 07

Two schools to be made redundant when new one opens to be discussed 7-10-76 14a

1976 10 09

Saturday picture - boats moored at Stretham. 9.10.76 5a

1976 10 21

tug of war across river [ES 21.10.1976]

1976 10 25

Primary school could be leased. 25.10.76 9c

1976 11 12

Building plan for farm – Stubbins and Lee apply demolish farm buildings, High Street for houses & bungalow and garage New Road CNC

-o-o- 1977 -o-o-

1977 jubilee garden bought for £50 [SN133]

1977 01 04

The New Year did not start very happily for two householders at Stretham. They awoke on the first day of 1977 to find their homes flooded after heavy overnight rain. Some rooms were flooded by about three inches of water while outside it was more than a foot deep. Mr Derek Constable said the flooding started after the new bypass road was built in 1964. It was caused by a drain under the A10 road which was smaller than the drain from houses. He still has a claim outstanding against the County Council for damage caused to his property by flooding in 1974. His neighbour recently renovated his house and his family moved in five months ago when East Cambridgeshire District Council lifted a closure order on it. He has complained about the flooding to Isle of Ely MP, Clement Freud who has taken it up with the Anglian Water Authority. A.W.A. say the drain was the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council. They say it is the responsibility of the Transport Ministry and they are waiting to hear from them. CEN 4.1.1977 [scan] [SN142] saga continues [ES 20.3.80] more [ES 16.6.83, 28.7.83]

1977 01 20

Week of prayer; Slide show – Mike Petty ‘Old Stretham’; funeral Sydney Baxter; Methodists scholars; domino drive; Baptists, Bright Hour – CIP [scan]

1977 01 29

Flooring and wall decoration ruined in renovated house – Wilburton Road flooded three times this month CEN [scan]

1977 01 31

Green End Road - E.A. Sennett appeals against refusal for 16 houses rejected 31-1-77 8e CNC

1977 02 03

Meadow Farm - permission to build four houses on land adjacent granted despite objections 3-2-77 12f CNC

1977 02 03

Newmarket Road - trying to make rd safer after receiving petition. 3-2-77 CNC

1977 02 22

John Tester loses fight to sell caravans. 22-2-77 9dN Pic – John Tester at site

1977 04 07

Newmarket Rd - mothers lose plea for pedestrian refuge crossing. 7.4.77 CNC

1977 04 19

Rec ground slide painted red, white & blue - some residents complain 19.4.77 11a pic – Alan Ingles and slide CNC [scan]

1977 04 30

all 120 allotments in use – first time in 16 years [CEN 30.4.1977]

1977 05 25

Playgroup forced to quit Stretham hall – unhygienic conditions CEN [scan]

1977 06 23

parish bier stolen but recovered [ES 23.6.1977]

1977 06 28

A team of Eastern Electricity apprentices are cleaning away about 150 years of soot, cobwebs and grime from the boiler room of the old fen pumping station at Stretham. They hope to restore it almost to the condition it was when the engine began operating in 1831 and are repairing as many of the valves and water level indicators as they can. The apprentices will also install lighting so that visitors will have a better view of the room and lights will also be fitted in one of the boilers to show its interior. The engine, which was last used in the 1940s is a popular tourist attraction [CIP 30.6.1977] CNC pic – work in progress

1977 07 21

Anniversary – Methodist [scan]

1977 07 22

Security a priority for valuable 1902 bier – thieves stole it from cemetery CNC

1977 08 03

Two plans refusals will go ahead – six houses High Street CNC

1977 08 11

Action taken to save plants in Stretham ponds – sealing of ponds from access to river a condition for planning consent for eight private moorings, slipway and workshop, Old West CNC

1977 08 24

Stretham turns down plan to buy school for use as hall – CEN [cutt]

1977 09 06

Work starts on £51,000 A10 widening across A10 – CEN CNC

1977 08 25

plans to turn Infant's school into community hall rejected [ES 25.8.1977]

1977 10 13

48 Cambridge Rd - M.W. Nicholas told to close business. 13-10.77 10d CNC

1977 10 20

death Miss Sarah Kitson [CIP 20.10.1977]

1977 12 09

grant to start Playgroup [CEN 9.12.1977]

1977 12 28

Wren Toys cottage industry established in Meadowcroft by Terry & Joan Ridler, home workers [CEN 28.12.1977]

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1978 --- 11

High St. Application by J.Boyd Ltd. to build 6 houses approved.

1978 01 05

Parish Council want more council houses converted to flats 5.1.78 10n

1978 02 16

Short Road - amended plans for two dwellings approved. 16-2-78 10e CNC

1978 04 03

Horace Bull, Britain's oldest angler – who went sea fishing after his 100th birthday – celebrated 101 years with a drink and a cigar in his favourite pub, The Royal Oak at Stretham Bridge. The former Waterbeach butcher who started angling more than 90 years ago hopes to have another sea fishing trip this year – if he can find a fellow angler who won't be sea-sick. For a man who remembers the A10 when it was just a cart track and who bought whisky for £1 a gallon, Horace is still fit and active

1978 04 06

Danger spot in bend born in mind by council 6.4.78 8a

1978 05 11

Houses agreed – application by J. Boyd for six houses, High Street CNC

1978 06 15

school opening [ES 15.6.1978 CIP 15.6.1978] – photo - scan

1978 06 22

June's café 'on verge bankruptcy' ES 22.6.1978]

1978 06 22

When Tony May of Stretham went blind earlier this year he thought he would go 'mad' just sitting about doing nothing. He started taking the Cambridge Talking News service for blind people but realised it contained little or new news about the Ely district. So he hit on the idea of a 'talking' newspaper called 'Fenprobe' to keep people abreast with local news. Once established he hopes to branch out to include music and requests and on-the-spot coverage of major local events. 1978 07 13

'Fenprobe' launched by Tony May [ES 13.7.1978]

1978 09 14

Tommy Hale discovers negatives taken many years ago [ES 14.9.1978]

High St. Old School. Sale of caravans & small boats approved. 14. 9-78

1978 10 09

The long-running dispute over responsibility for repairing the only bridge over the Old West River which gives access for thousands of visitors each year to the Stretham pumping station has been settled. The County Council and a local farming company have agreed to pay £1,000 each towards the cost of repairs. The dispute began two years ago when the county closed the bridge because some of the structure had collapsed and part of the roadway had fallen into the river. Now it will be rebuilt and a bus turning area constructed for visitors to the engine which is preserved as a museum attracting industrial archaeologists. [CEN 9.10.1978] - scan

1978 10 31

Fieldside. Plans for 4 bungalows given permission despite parish objection 31.10.78 8b CNC

1978 11 08

Playgroup & Youth club plan to buy former infants school. 8.11.78 CNC

1978 11 08

Routledge & Goad grain store residents attend meeting as worry over noise. 8.11.78 CNC

1978 11 16

High St. Foundations of house in wrong place 16-11-78. 12.a CNC

-o-o- 1979 -o-o-

1979 cafe sale

1979 Rectory stable block converted to place of worship [PCC]

1979 01 04

Methodist church celebrate New Year with family party – photo Bill Lythell and Edgar Stevens ES [scan]

1979 01 18

Routledge & Goad prepare to move from Top Street [ES 18.1.1979]

1979 02 08

Plans to move Routledge & Goad out of village centre. 8.2.79 10d CNC

1979 02 21

Front St. Plans for 4 houses & 5 garages. .21.2.79. 11 e.; agreed 23.3.79 CNC

1979 03 24

Routledge and Goad noise decision next week; business built up over past 40 years; firm involved in seed dressing and storage trying to find alternative site; few complaints until old people's homes built nearby three years ago 24-3-79 7 a CNC

1979 03 28

Routledge & Goad likely to continue in business etc. 28-3-79 1 CNC

1979 04 05

death Albert (Alf) Hemmings, worked for Ellwood before taking Smithy Garage [ES 5.4.1979]

1979 05 03

King Cob & The Grove names chosen [ES 3.5.1979]

1979 05 18

Farmers were weighting up the damage caused by the worst fen blow for several years. Fierce winds whipped up the light soil but they were highly localised. The worst affected areas were at Prickwillow, Stretham, Coveney & Chatteris where there were dust clouds all around but fortunately a cloudburst dampened the fields after an hour's blowing. Elsewhere orchards took a bad buffeting. A fallen tree blocked the Harlton to Haslingfield road for several hours and another fell at Cottenham. An invalid carriage was blown from the A14 at Papworth and two motorcycles collided in the strong winds.

1979 05 21

New team ring Stretham bells; Council of churches, Mothers' Union, Feast Sunday, Bright Hour CIP [scan]

1979 05 29

Work to move a noisy firm may start in autumn - Routledge & Goad to move opp Stretham windmill, 29.5-79 8g CNC

1979 06 28

Routledge & Goad to Hill Farm. 28.6.79 12e CNC

1979 08 02

£6,000 church tower campaign launched [CEN 2.8.1979] 2-8-79. 10.b. N. Pic – Askey and tower 20237913 CNC

1979 08 09

Tower campaign off to good start 9-8-79. 8,g. CNC

1979 08 31

Tower campaign Bromley Boy Singers concert tomorrow. 31-8-79- 12c.pic. – choir CNC

1979 10 12

A network of early five warning flood devices is expected to be ready for the danger period early in the New Year. They will measure water levels and automatically give an up-to-date picture of the possibility of floods. But it could cost £40,000 to carry out a major flood protection scheme at Stretham which was badly hit by floods in May that were caused by blockages in the drainage system. More money must be spent on the Bin Brook which was blamed for flooding in the Gough Way area of Cambridge but maintenance problems must be solved before the work goes ahead

1979 10 25

Spaceward recording studios plan for former school [ES 25.10.1979 CWN 21.2.1985]

1979 10 31

electric pump installed Dimmock's Cote; 2 diesel units installed 1944, new opened [CEN 31.10.1979 ES 1.11.1979]

1979 11 14

Kirk (Cambridge) apply to build nine houses at Green End. 14-11-79- 13c. CNC

1979 11 22

JB Developments of Fordham given 1mth to comply w planning conditions for 4 bungalows. 22-11-79- 15a.

1979 12 13

Tony May of Meadowcroft to be allowed to build workshop to make toys, 13-12-79- 7d. CNC

-o-o- 1980 -o-o-

1980 02 07

Over Sixties celebrate Silver Jubilee [ES 7.2.1980]

1980 03 17

Jubilee Garden complete, opened September [ES 17.3.1980 ES 25.9.1980 - pc]

1980 03 22

Junes cafe and filling station (J. Grahnm) appln for alterations & improvements. 22-3-80.

1980 04 02

A.E. Holliday funeral

Over 60's

Niriam Johnson funeral, Methodists, Golden wedding Len Impey,

Salvation Army

Legion

Appeal fund – CIUP 4 Sep 1980 [cutt]

1980 04 05

Green End (Walton) houses built ('about 6 years ago' – ES 5.4.1986)

1980 04 10

Ely Road council house converted into flats [ES 10.4.1980]

1980 05 17

Haddenham Farmland Museum has been saved from closure by the generosity of a local firm. Ideson's Garage, Stretham, in conjunction with Lada cars has stepped in and offered half the amount the museum needs to stay alive and extend its facilities and a number of large companies have offered the remaining sponsorship. It will enable the museum to expand to cater for larger groups, including school children 80 05 17

1980 06 06

Par Church: antique lacework display June 14/5 for restoration. 6-6

1980 06 12

Coffee evening at Stevens'; parish church, Methodist church ES [scan]

1980 06 21

Old Engine: D Jackson art on visit. 21-6-80. 4e. pic

1980 06 26

British Legion new HQ opens [ES 26.6.1980]

1980 07 10

Rain held off for £163 fete – Methodist – [scan]

1980 09 16

Jubilee garden opened. 16-9-80. Hh.N

1980 10 02

John Kisby silver wedding

Tombola

Playgroup sale

Baptist

Whist drive – CIP 2.10. 1980 [cutt]

1980 10 03

Stretham Chronicle, p22

1980 10 13

Stretham windmill, p15

1980 10 14

windmill featured on Paul Kendrick who bought derelict mill in 1974; had been scrap merchant's store & observation post with nuclear bunker [scan]

1980 10 09

Baptists

Harvest thanksgiving

Mothers Union,

Marion Hazel funeral

Cubs sale - CIP 9 Oct 1980 [cutt]

1980 10 13

Stretham windmill, p15

1980 10 14

Living it up ... in the mill - windmill - Paul & Rosemary Kendrick convert into home - C Dunn
art. 14-10-80 15 pic – extension, interior CNC

1980 10 16

Harvest festival, outing, Baptist, tombola, Over 60s, harvest – CIP 16 Oct 1980 [cutt]

1980 10 31

Wilfred Granfield, 70, grew cannabis on allotment – CEN 31.10.1980 [cutt]

1980 11 20

John Catchpole, farmworkers champion during Gt War – feature [scan]

-o-o- 1981 -o-o-

1981 church tower repairs; clock face repainted & gilded; hold services in church hall during winter [PCC]

1981

Stretham Jubilee garden has already proved its worth – Methodist garden fete [cutt]

1981 01 27

Routledge & Goad: application to build grain store. 27-1-81. 8g. CNC

1981 01 28

J Tester of Junes Cafe refused permission to display sales cars outside. 28-1-81. 13e. CNC

1981 02 05

Jubilee Garden – Parish Council want tips to brighten up. 5-2-81. 10d. CNC

1981 03 05

‘How village has changed’ feature EWN [EWN 5.3.1981] . 5-3-81. 6. pix.

1981 03 05

death Charlie Watson, aged 76, started at Swans when 17 [ES 5.3.1981]

1981 04 16

Par Cl chmn claims village cleaner & tidier. 16-4-81. I6c.

1981 04 16

Restored mill on market for £50,000-plus pic – restored windmill with extension CNC

1981 05 21

Feast parade went on despite rain. 21-5-81. 2c.

1981 06 18

Eric Wright (Haulage) permission for lorry workshops on former rubbish tip, Newmarket Road. 18-6-81. 3 a. CNC

1981 06 18

Garden setting – Jubilee garden fetes ES [scan]

1981 07 02

Radio Stretham, Methodist church; Bowls club [scan]

1981 08 13

Our Stretham correspondent turns author – B.C. Stevens book on Methodist churches ES [scan]

1981 08 13

All things bridge and beautiful – flower festival for Methodist 90th EWN [scan]

1981 08 27

Parish church more cash needed for restoration of tower. 27-8-81 .Ic.

1981 08 27

Camp for Ely diocese youngsters. 27-8-81. 2c.

1981 09 03

camp for youngsters success. 3-9-81. 7b.

1981 09 10

Methodist Church flower festival. 10-9-81. 3e.

1981 09 24

Par Church: auction helps restoration fund. 24-9-81. 4c.

1981 09 30

The only Whitbread pub in the Ely area – the Royal Oak at Stretham – is closing down as licensees Bill and Joyce Burgess are retiring after 22 years at the riverside pub. The brewery says it is in an isolated position and needs a great deal of money spending to bring it up to modern standards. It has a great deal of potential with a caravan site next door, but they feel money could be better spent elsewhere 81 09 30 came to pub 1959 [CEN 30.9.1981 ES 8.10.1981]

1981 10 08

Royal Oak – Joyce & Bill Burgess leaving – letter, ES 8 Oct 1981 [scan]

1981 11 12

Church plea for tower aid - parish church restoration work complete - more cash needed. 12-11-81. 14e CNC

1981 12 03

parish church restoration bazaar 3-12-81 6d pic

1981 12 18

Austin Sennitt from Stretham is £1,000 richer after winning the beef championship at Cambridge Christmas fatstock show. His 500 kg animal went to a Cambridge butcher, John Farrow. His family have been farming in the area for about 100 years and the cattle are raised on barley grown on the farm. For the first time the championship was closed to anybody who hasn't used the market regularly, which nearly doubled the normal entry list 81 12 18

-o-o- 1982 -o-o-

1982 01 07

death Albert Wright [ES 7.1.1982]

1982 01 07

death Percy Crow, 88, blacksmith for Hudson & son, then took it over with George Lowe [ES 7.1.1982] [scan]

1982 05 13

Awards – Methodist scripture examination ES [scan]

1982 06 13

barn chapel dedicated [ES 13.6.1982]

1982 06 17

Holliday's popular shop feature, took over 10 years ago, photo [EWN 17.6.1982] 17-6-82. 8g. pic. – Lewis & Ruth Holliday, Joan Jakes and Christine Papworth [scan] CNC

1982 07 22

Church festival to celebrate end of appeal. 22-7-82. 6c. EWN

1982 08 31

Backbone of drainage for century – Stretham Engine pic drive wheel CNC

1982 09 09

Cambridge Road: Junes Garage & filling stn refused perm for more cars on show. 9-9-82.

1982 09 14

Cambridge Road: June's garage wins fight for more cars on show. 14-9-82. 7e

-o-o- 1983 -o-o-

1983 Barn ecumenical centre; St Anthony centre in rectory south wing; new church boiler [SN156 PCC]

1983 01 07

A major disaster was averted on the front doorsteps of cottages at Stretham when a gas tanker loaded with propane was involved in a head-on collision with a sugar-beet lorry. Firemen, police, ambulancemen and the flying doctor service mounted a large-scale emergency operation to rescue the driver who was trapped in his cab. There have been several accidents at this bend on the Wicken Road 83 01 07

1983 01 27

death Gerald Stubbins [ES 27.1.1983]

1983 02 04

More than 100 homes at Stretham had to rely on standpipes after a main burst. Some residents had to travel half a mile to the pipes in the High Street and Newmarket Road. But even that source dried up when severe overnight frost froze the pipes solid. A tanker was sent to deal with the emergency

and ensure that the elderly and housebound get sufficient water. It is the biggest single problem facing Anglian Water which has 129 manual workers on strike. 83 02 04 – pic - scan

1983 03 31

Bill Morgan bought Royal Oak 18 months ago, plans extension to caravan site [ES 31.3.1983] – scan

1983 06 30

Stretham's big success story – Methodist Sunday school – photo – Es - scan

1983 07 28

Derek Constable 14 year struggle floods [ES 28.7.1983], AWA propose opening ditch & large pipes bypass [ES 15.9.1983] new owners no.12 remove 9" pipe, replace with 24" [CEN 21.6.1984]

1983 09 15

Flooding problem solved? – ES – scan

1983 10 13

Twice celebrated – Nellie and Arthur Bird celebrate Golden Wedding – pioc – ES - scan

-o-o- 1984 -o-o-

1984 01 05

A new village industry is booming in Cambridgeshire – compiling village chronicles. It is the result of a major project at the Cambridgeshire Collection which has indexed the village news appearing in the Cambridge Chronicle newspaper between 1770 and 1899. Now these stories are being transcribed and published in a series of village 'Chronicles'. The first was compiled for Stretham and others have followed for Littleport, Barrington and Swavesey with more in the pipeline. 84 01 05 p14

1984 04 26

Brian Dunn parish council clerk again [ES 26.4.1984]

1984 05 03

death Dorothy Garner [ES 3.5.1984]

1984 05 08

Akeman Close first time homes plan 8-5-84. 6.b

1984 05 10

'Cowboys' kill June's café – scan

1984 05 10

John & June tester kept garage 13 years, previously Black & White, plan extend but not reopen [ES 10.5.1984]

1984 05 10

Mike Petty selected council chairman for second term – ES – scan

1984 06 07

Edgar Stevens obituary – ES – scan

1984 06 19

Redhill Farm(M Everitt) open day on Sundry. 19-6-84. 6b

1984 06 21

new pipe will cure bypass flooding – ES – scan

1984 06 25

Redhill Farm open day success 25-6-84. 9o

1984 06 25

Visiting time 'down on the farm' – Malcolm Everitt's dairy and fruit farm CNC

1984 06 28

death Albert Blayney, moved Red Lion end 1930s & stayed till 1967; during war large upper room became home to evacuated teachers & course First Aid, subsequently Royal Observer Corps [ES 28.6.1984] - scan

1984 07 19

school : head Trevor Williams, deputy Eileen Jakes (14 years) & Beatrice Stevens (chair Managers) retire; Cliff Knight appointed [ES 19.7.1984] 19-7-84. 9d. pic - scan

1984 07 19

Stretham the means of escaping from London: Spaceward recording studio [cutt]

1984 08 02

Stretham bowls club formed in 1939 to be represented in national championships by Mark Entwistle and Graham Skinner – CEN – photo - scan

1984 09 10

Chapel St: BJ Winters refused perm for home. 10-9-84. 7f

1984 09 10

Green End: plan for 11 new houses blocked. 10-9-84. 7

1984 12 08

Modern mill is ready for war - Stretham windmill for sale feature – 84 12 08a & b pic [cutt] pic – new extension, circular lounge, kitchen CNC

-o-o- 1985-o-o-

1985 Ann Sinclair Russell appointed parish clerk [PC]

1985 01 17

High St: Few Mackay Ltd plan 2 ranch style bungalows. 17-1-85.

1985 02 21

Bidding for the charts in an old village school – Spaceward Studio [cutt] – scan - pic

1985 03 21

Akeman Close: appln for houses & bungalows. 21-3-85. 6g.

1984 04 04

Lily Petty memories – rabbit-catchers' daughter – CWN - scan

1985 04 11

Toll House sale for £41,950 [ES 11.4.1985] – scan – pic

1985 04 12

A nursery owner had to dash for his life when a giant greenhouse collapses as gales wreaked havoc. Mr Vincent Di Paola, who has been running the nursery in Fulbourn for 15 years, had to watch as guttering started to collapse and 8,000 panes of glass smashed to the ground. He supplies the London market with lettuces all year round and 16,000 plants were lost. Elsewhere a woman had a lucky escape when a tree crashed her car between Little Thetford and Stretham 85 04 12

1985 04 18

At home with the creator of Topsy & Tim – Jean Adamson [cutt]

1985 04 30

Two bungalow plan 30-4-85 3e

1985 05 07

Green End - 3 houses plan - to appeal. 7-5-85. 4c

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1985 07 18

Methodist chapel centenary [ES 18.7.1985] – pic - scan

1985 07 18

Tiled House farm sale, modernised, billiards room, luxury kitchen; Dutch barn [ES 18.7.1985] – scan – pic

1985 08 15

Lorry Crashes at Triestina Kennels, Cambridge Road– pic Susan Waring & Florence Richmond – scan – ES

1985 08 16

School desperate for Mobile classroom [ES 16.8.1985]

1985 09 09

Village Fest. 9-9-85. 10.f.

1985 09 12

Stretham 'This is Your Life' Festival planned EWN [scan]

1985 10 01

Village plans week of fun for all – Stretham Festival opening by Jean Adamson – pic children in playground with large furry 'animal'

1985 10 07

Village festival plans for week. 1-10-85. 5a« P^c. loc 7-10-85. 4.f. Pic

1985 10 07

Village festival 7-10-85 4f pic

1985 10 08

Stretham Festival inaugurated; It's a Knockout, poems and prose, Christine Rudnicki dressed as kangaroo. Baptist church sang favourite hymns; later French evening and talk by Mike Petty [ES 8.10.1985] – pic – It's a Knockout youngsters; scan

1985 10 19

It's a hard life with fond memories – George Dimock profile [cutt]

1985 10 23

Cambridge Rd: GP Kenny appeals for kennels 23—10-85 5g

1985 12 18

Green End application for bungalows & garages 18-12-85 13g

-o-o- 1986 -o-o-

1986 new bowls pavilion opened [SB9]

1986 01 02

Junes café & filling station plan 2-1-86 16g

1986 01 25

Sandy Richardson, Stowbridge Farm, Stretham – caterer – 86 01 25b - scan

1986 03 27

Crofters – advertisement [cutt]

1986 04 03

Death George Dimock; born at Gravel Farm, disabled in childhood; ambition to be a carpenter but worked for time on farm before becoming apprentice with Fred Dobson, Ely hairdresser. Set up own business when 191 at Ely Road, Stretham, living for some time at the adjoining Akeman House. Also had contracts to cut hair at Ely RAF Hospital and RAF Mildenhall. In recent years the schop sold second-hand goods and became place to debate local issues. Socialised in pub. Collected old team photos. [ES 3.4.1986] – scan - pic

1986 04 05

Parish Council to increase membership from 9 to 11. 5-4-86 7a

1986 04 03

Green End property, 1d – built six years ago; a wealth of luxury with superb features including pine ceilings; for sale at £69,000 – ES – pic – scan19

1986 04 24

Plans for starter homes corner Read St & Chapel Lane by Harry Rose; would use second-hand bricks and slate roofs. Under a shared ownership scheme people will apply for 75% mortgage, remainder owned by Building Society with owners paying fair rent. [ES 24.4.1986, - blocked ES 21.8.1986] – scan

1986 05 01

Special unit a possibility for Stretham school with closure of Highfield School, Ely. Would see new unit for children needing special attention. – ES – scan

1986 05 23

Fatal accident, car and milk tanker near Stretham roundabout – 86 05 23

1986 05 29

Pop bands can't complain about a shortage of recording studios. Heading the list is Spaceward based at Stretham which has been frequented by an impressible array of stars including the Stranglers, who are currently recording their new album there. The 24-track studio uses an extensive range of highly sophisticated equipment and charges £450 a day. On a more modest scale are Kite Studio in Cambridge, Jupiter Recording Studio in Ickleton and Metronome Music in Chatteris which is run by Chris Dennis one of the founder members of Pink Floyd 86 05 29a

1986 06 08

New Town plans announced Xmas [EWN 18.12.1986] appeal Ombudsman [CEN 8.6.1987] H.E. Dudeney Wilburton settlement cmte, Malcolm Moss attacks [CEN 26.11.1987]

1986 06 19

Mrs B.C. Stevens awarded BEM for services community including 40 years as school governor. She trained as a teacher and taught at Stretham before her marriage. [EWN 19.6.1986, EWN 4.12.1986] – scan - pic

1986 06 26

The Royal Oak just off the A10 at Stretham ferry is on the market for £200,000. It is a freehouse with a bar, five bedrooms and nine acres of land including a frontage on the Great Ouse with moorings, a holiday caravan park and a shop. Now it may be extended and upgraded by Unicorn Inns of Royston, taking it up-market and offering a wide range of traditional beers. 86 06 26b

1986 06 26

Chris Hutt & Mrs Pat Carpenter former of Midsummer Inns buy Royal Oak; plan to extend and upgrade the pub. Was put on market for £200,000 by Prudential Property [CEN 26.6.1986, 26.8.1986] – pic – scan

1986 08 14

Crofters estate wins electricity energy efficiency award for Wilcon Homes [EWN 14.8.1986] – pic includes residents - scan

1986 08 14

Methodist church news [cutt]

1986 10 09

Geoffrey Carter leaves Post Office after 24 years, took over from Geoffrey Clark who there 30 years; formed cub group 1963, later scouts [EWN 9.10.1986]

1986 10 30

Reads St homes plan, 30-10-68 4d. 21-1-87. 6g

1986 12 04

Beatrice BEM – Mrs Stevens awarded medal [cutt] – pic – scan

1994 12 04

Stretham's own B.E.M. Beatrice Stevens for service to the community; presented at school by Lord Lieutenant, Michael Bevan. Photo: Mrs Stevens with Kelvin Yardy and Victoria Blajh. EWN

1986 12 15

Remembering feature – includes Lily Petty with album [cutt]

1986 12 18

Geoffrey Carter takes over Post Office from Geoffrey Clark who there 30 years [EWN 18.12.1986] Clark dies 1974 [ES 30.5.1974]

1986 12 18

Big New Town Plan is Shock for Stretham.

An emergency parish council meeting is being called at Stretham after the discovery that a new town could be built on its doorstep. Parish councillors are angered by documents they received at the weekend showing plans for a new town centres on Middle Common, Stretham.

"This is the first we have heard of it, and we are horrified" said Council chairman, Michael Young.

"We are talking about a town of 3,000 people, something like six times the size of Stretham. It would destroy the identity of the village. We were told by East Cambridgeshire District Council that the plan had been discussed by district planners in October but no mention of Stretham has been made until now".

The proposed area for the new town is one which East Cambridgeshire Council is keen to develop. It is in the region of a disused cafe and planning permission for a lorry park there has already been given. - Ely Weekly News 18 December 1986. – Westmere [cutt] – scan

1986 12 23

This time the Isle is awake to invaders.

The councillors who will ultimately advise on the revision of the County Structure Plan have started their preliminary assessment of the review proposals. Among them they have 12 suggestions for the creation of new settlements. Eleven come from property companies or estate agents and these have been debated at length both in the communities involved and in the columns of your newspaper.

The twelfth comes from East Cambridgeshire District Council. Here discussion has been restricted to meetings held in the promoters' premises and recorded in only the briefest fashion. Not until November is there any hint of a site "off the A10. North of the Old West River", a description that embraces five parishes from Littleport to Stretham.

Four of these can now stop worrying. A mark has finally been made on a map. It is Stretham who are to have the Christmas present of emergency meetings to formulate a response to proposals so well timed that they reach Shire hall days before the debate starts yet allow the Parish Council no opportunity to express an opinion.

Ironically it was these very acres that the parish council surveyed last year for the BBC Domesday Survey. Now, without consultation, other strangers are attempting to impose on Stretham residents proposals that would radically change the very fabric of our community.

William conquered the Isle of Ely by similar back-door tactics. This time our rulers will find that despite their secrecy it will not be so peaceful an invasion. We may have slumbered in the mistaken belief that these days local government meant talking to local people. But now we are awake! M.J. Petty, Ely Road, Stretham – EWN 23 December 1986.

This time the Isle is awake to invaders - Mike Petty letter – EWN - scan

-o-o- 1987 -o-o-

1987 Methodist chapel closed [PCC]

1987 02 12

A.J. Sennitt of Stretham gets top price for cattle – 87 02 12

1987 03 05

Green End plans (Reu Clark's plot) [ES 5.3.1987]

1987 03 07

'Magbrooke*' appeal fund on target. 7-3-87. 6c

1987 03 16

Stretham Rectory could be converted into a fully-equipped residential youth centre for the Diocese of Ely. It is a marvellous building with no structural problems, although it needs repair. Plans have been drawn up to provide 14 bedrooms and mini-dormitories while the adjoining stable block could accommodate the rector or a full-time youth worker. The scheme is part of a plan to attract youngsters to the church. 87 03 16 16-3-87. 5a

1987 03 18

Harry Fletcher obituary – prisoner-of-war, farm work – ES 18 Mar 1987 [cutt]

1987 04 03

Lazy Otter opens – Paul Barton & Karen Speirs 87 04 03 & a [cutting]

1987 05 08

Stretham parish council claim ECDC backing for Westmere was secret – 87 05 08b

Par Cllr Mike Petty criticises E Cambs support of new village plan for Waterbeach area. 8-5-87. 13e.

1987 05 21

Stretham to hold referendum on Westmere 87 05 21a

1987 05 22

Toll House Farm stable block office plan. 22-5-87. 5e

1987 05 25

Out on the river: ‘otter’ found at Lazy Otter [cutt]

1987 05 26

Spaceward Recording Studios at Stretham which has attracted such stars as Toyah, Iron Maiden and Gary Numan has been burgled. Specialist recording equipment was stolen by a gang who used hammers and chisels to break down a lead-lined door while one of the engineers slept in another part of the converted old school building. The studio was set up over six years ago by two Cambridge graduates and has built up a reputation as one of the best in the area. Neil from the Young Ones, Julian Cope, Dave Steward and The Stranglers have recorded there 87 05 26

1987 06 08

Angry villagers at Stretham have called on the local government Ombudsman to investigate East Cambridgeshire District Council’s actions over the siting of the planned new town for the county. The Council has put in a bid to build the new settlement in its district, to the annoyance of villagers who only learned at Christmas that it could end up in their parish. A recent parish poll of the 1,000 residents had an 80% response with 75% giving the proposals a firm ‘No’ 87 06 08

1987 06 12

off Akeman Close: Wilcon Homes plan. 12-6-87. 19g

1987 06 17

Flower festival weekend to raise cash for church repairs. 17-6-87.4c.

1987 07 01

A new village could be built on farm land behind the Caxton Gibbet. Called Swansley Wood, it would have 3,000 homes with a business park, village centre and landscaped country park. There would be community facilities such as pubs, shops and churches together with indoor and outdoor facilities. But the plan faces stiff competition as there are similar proposals for four other villages in the area while the County Council favours a scheme on the A10 at Stretham. 87 07 01

1987 07 09

Misses Acred Doctor’s surgery closes on retirement Dr Richard Wolfendale, used for 73 years, [CWN 9.7.1987] 9-7-87 2*Pio

1987 07 13

Mike Petty complaint to Ombudsman setback. 13-7-87- 5d

1987 07 17

off Akeman Close housing estate plan rejected. 17-7-87 19a

1987 07 30

Ferry boatyard site: workshop & flat plan. 30-7-87 21 a.

1987 09 10

Traction engines – mentions Stretham [cutt]

1987 10 15

Perfect place for a town – letter on Westmere by Mike Petty [cutt]

1987 10 28

Consortium Development, the largest housing construction group in the country, announced plans for a new town in the fens. The proposals were unveiled minutes before the Government inquiry into the Structure Plan entered its final phases of dealing with proposed new townships. The combined finances of the consortium, which includes Barratt, Wimpey and Laing, ensures it has the strength to go ahead with the development of homes for nearly 8,000 people between Wilburton and Stretham. But three-quarters of local villagers are completely opposed and will do all they can to stop it. 87 10 28

-o-o- 1988 -o-o-

1988 Diocese propose to sell rectory, develop grounds for youth centre with reservation for new parsonage [PCC]

1988 Stretham Engine Trust formed and new 99 year lease obtained from Waterbeach Level IDB [SB48]

1988 01 21

Ted Langford retires from Red Lion after 21 years; his grandfather kept Sun; mother and father kept Sun & White Lion where Ted born, was drainage engineer; wife kept diary; photo Ted & Betty Langford. [ES 21.1.1988] [scan] [cutt]

1988 01 21

Lazy Otter taken over by Tony Pillow and wife [cutt]

1988 04 02

John Askey leaves rectory; rectory & part of church exorcised [PCC ES 4.2.93]

1988 04 11

AJs restaurant opens [ES 11.4.1988]

1988 04 21

House-starved Cambridge is to get two massive new housing developments. More than 170 properties will be built on Milton Road near the Science Park, part of a 38-acre scrubland site owned by Cambridge University, where Trend Housing plans to construct 102 houses costing from £55 - £120,000. The King Street Housing Society has also bought two acres where H. Rose (Builders) of Stretham will start 69 properties on Monday. Some will be sold to first-time buyers on a shared ownership basis. 88 04 21

1988 07 15

Chapel St former Methodist Chapel may be knocked down for Homes 15-7-88 20g

1988 08 04

Dulcie Hemmings retires Chequers after 27 years; took pub with husband 1961, he died 1979 [ES 4.8.1988]

Post Office may become hairdressers. 4-8-88 4e

1988 09 01

death Ethel Feetham, 30 years counter clerk Post Office, clerk Charity Trustees [ES 1.9.1988]

1988 09 20

Consortium Developments, which represents ten of the country's leading house builders, has unveiled plans for 1,500 homes housing 4,000 people on land between Stretham and Wilburton. The option of building such houses in existing villages would totally alter their character, they say. There would be a new school, church, meeting hall and community facilities – but no major shopping centre, with fifty acres set aside for high-tech firms. Proposals for a new town of 3,000 homes met ferocious local opposition and were rejected by the Environment Secretary. 88 09 20a

1988 09 28

Magbrooke fundraising. 14-9-88. 6g

1988 09 29

Festival to raise cash for children's hospice. 29-9-88. 4c.

1988 10 04

playgroup clowning around. 4-10-88. 13g.pix

1988 10 10

fete opened by Dennis. 10-10-88. 5f

1988 10 13

1st week-long festival [EWN 13.10.1988]

1988 12 22

Consortium plans smaller settlement [CEN 20.9.1988] Westmere plans unveiled [ES 22.12.1988 SB21]

-o-o- 1989 -o-o-

youth centre [PCC]

1989 01 12

death Harry Lowe [ES 12.1.1989]

1989 03 02

WI affiliated national federation 70 years [ES 2.3.1989]

1989 03 21

The Government has approved the County structure plan saying yes to plans for a village of 1,500 homes on the A10 north of Cambridge but no to a new village west or east of the city on the A45. A public inquiry will be held to decide which side it should be built. Around 800 homes have been shifted into Fenland and draft plans to build a further 63,000 homes have been rubber-stamped. However villagers at Stretham and Wilburton will continue to fight proposals for 'Westmere' 89 03 21, 22a

1989 05 11

The sale of 1,000 acres of farming land in Stretham and Waterbeach mark the break-up of part of the estate built up by the outstanding agriculturalist, Sir Frederick Hiam. One of the country's

biggest growers of vegetables, he was appointed Director of Vegetable Supplies during the First World War and was knighted in 1924. The Stretham land which he bought in 1926 was part of an estate of about 13,000 acres and is now being sold by the family firm following the death of his only child. 89 05 11c

1989 05 15

Cambridge Grass Track Racing club going 5 years, A10 [CEN 15.5.1989]

1989 05 23

revised Structure Plan has not blocked new town [ES 23.5.1989];

1989 05 25

Beatrice Stevens was born in the village of Stretham in 1907 and has chronicled events in the small community in her charming book 'Stretham: a Feast of Memories'. She was the daughter of a local farmer and insurance agent, who attended, then taught in the village school before much later becoming its manager and chairman of governors. She writes about the four butchers, the doctor who came from Haddenham six days a week, the opposition to a village nurse and the highlight of the year – the village feast which is still celebrated today. This Feast Sunday she sat beside the village cross signing copies of her new book. 89 05 25c

1989 06 29

last church fete at Rectory [ES 29.6.1989]

1989 06 29

period home dates back to 1600s – 12 Reads Street, price £120,000 [cutt]

1989 08 23

Nelson Marina – Fish & Duck – new life for historic hostelry, new proprietors Edward & Joan Colthorpe; had been closed many years; feature – CN 89 08 23b [scan] – pic - scan

1989 09 02

Annual flower festival. 2.9.89. 11

1989 10 01

The controversial Cambridge park and ride scheme has started with a whimper. At peak commuter time there were 17 cars at the 400-space Cowley Road and even fewer at the 150-space car park on Clifton Road. Users were enthusiastic: Sophy Moxley of Willingham, a sales assistant, said "It will save me money because it only costs 50p which is cheaper than parking in the city centre though Steve Field from Stretham says it is inconvenient as you don't have access to our car during the day. Councillor Andrew Duff said the area around Castle Hill, where residents-only zones have been introduced, was 'almost pastoral' though Canterbury and Benson Street were packed with cars. 89 10 01 # c.49.62

1989 10 03

Old Engine:£200,000 appeal launched. 3-10-89. 11a

1989 10 03

Dormer Chequers pub: homes plan. 3-10-89. 20g

1989 11 02

A railway station proposed for the planned new town of Waterfenton, near Chittering, would be a 'tremendous plus', while a dual carriageway will link it with the main A10, developers claim. It will comprise 1,500 homes (capable of expansion to 3,000) with a mix of rented and owner-occupied properties and will rely on Cambridge for central services. This is one of three rival schemes being

considered at an enquiry along with another near Denney Abbey and 'Westmere' between Stretham and Wilburton. 89 11 02

-o-o- 1990 -o-o-

1990 01 02

Festival: school open day. 2-1-90. 5b. pic.

1990 02 01

Motor cyclist killed in crash on A10 at Stretham 90 02 01

1990 01 11

Mace Store closes after 123 years; formerly Swans was bought 1950s by Charlie Watson, have problems since 3rd grocery shop established 5 years ago [ES 11.1.1990]

1990 02 01

Motor cyclist killed in crash on A10 at Stretham 90 02 01

1990 03 22

Mrs B.C. Stevens retirement as village correspondent after more than 50 years [ES 22.3.1990]

1990 05 25

Visit by Coroantion St -Helen Worth 25.5.90 5 pic

1990 05 03

Chequers for sale [CEN 3.5.1990]

1990 06 14

'Dakota Road' film crew in village [ES 14.6.1990]

1990 06 14

'Stretham Gazette' 1st issue [ES 14.6.1990]

1990 07 11

Pumping station restoration work due to start 11-7-90 24d pic 17-07 70 3 pix

1990 07 18

pans for 2 homes on Chequers pub site. 18-7-90 14

1990 08 13

Land between Stretham and Wicken flooded by Shropshire's to drown eelworms – 90 08 13a

1990 09 26

Teddy bears picnic. 26-9-90. 5d pic.

1990 11 02

Two teenagers dressed as witches launched vicious attack on Stretham man at his house Wilburton Rd – 90 11 02a

-o-o- 1991 -o-o-

1991 The orchard, Stretham Rectory excavation [SB56]
1991 new rectory plans – to be turned into youth centre & 3 dwellings built in grounds [PCC]

1991 08 08
death Ernest Edgley, former parish council chairman, district councillor, 92 [ES 8.8.1991]

-o-o- 1992 -o-o-

1992 rectory benefactor withdraws; oppose plans for houses beside church hall [PCC]
1992 gale blows half church clock face off, damaging roof [PCC]

1992 01 16
Westmere : inspector rejects – devastating affect landscape, unwanted pressure on facilities;
pantomime to celebrate [EWN 16.1.1992]

1992 01 22
Windmill Day Nursery opened [ES 7.5.1992 CEN 22.1.1992]

1992 03 03
CEN village feature [CEN 3.3.1992]

1992 06 08
Red Lion bought by David Jenkins [D.Exp 8.6.1992]

1992 07 13
residents to help design local plan 13.7.92 15a pic

1992 12 10
Blazing house saved – ‘Burnt Oak’, High Street, home of Richard Wright [cutt]

1992 12 12
Church spire appeal launched 12.12.92 3a, 15.12.92 17b 1992 07 13
residents to help design local plan 13.7.92 15a pic

1992 12 17
Wright house fire [EWN 17.12.1992]
Church spire appeal for £32,000 [EWN 17.12.1992]

-o-o- 1993 -o-o-

1993
East Cambs. district plan: village services have declined; parts of village especially around High Street are showing signs of neglect. A10 dualling proposed, but would be environmentally unacceptable and need to be aligned west of village. A1123 should be reclassified as a B road with weigh restrictions or calming measures. Designated a group settlement up to 15 houses [SB112]

1993
Stretham Engine 1st phase repairs [SB48]

1993
East Cambs. district council allocate money for all-weather sports facilities, group set up to consider application; discussion continue through 1994 & into 1995 with the Parish Council threatened with legal action by residents of Short Road opposed to the plan [PCAPM]

1993 01 05

Village Spotlight – newcomers cause character change – Bill Wakefield, Mike Petty, Chris Rudnicki, Red Lion 5-1-93. 14. pix [cutt]

1993 01 28

death of Bill Lythell, former village policeman [ES 28.1.1993]

1993 02 01

Plans for new rectory 1.2.93 12a

1993 02 17

Chapel St open house to raise cash for flower festival. 17-2-93.

1993 04 21

Church – King's school music society concert for spire appeal – 21.4.95

1993 05 12

Church - festival of flowers music & art in Sept 12-5-93 19g

1993 05 27

Engine open again at weekend following refurbishment 27.5.93 pic Langford & Arthur Bond [cutt]

1993 06 08

Engine refurbished - pretty picture 8.6.93 9a pic

1993 06 17

Rector John Askey leaves July [PCC ES 17.6.1993]

1993 07 07

Rev John ASKEY conducted last service – moving to Brinkley – 7.7.93

1993 07 26

Cliff Knight headmaster leaves, Edris Tildersley appointed [CEN 26.7.1993]

1993 07 29

Cliff Knight retires 29.7.93 14a pic

1993 09 0

Westmere plan resurfaces [ES 0.9.1993]

1993 10 07

church spire restoration starts, completed Oct 1994 [PCC ES 7.10.1993]

1993 10 30

Quarterway House demolished by lorry; picture Valerie Beckum & David Lockwood. [DT 30.10.1993] [cutt] [scan]

1993 11 30

New play equip 30.11-93 1b pic

Cash from Stretham Charity Trustees pays for new library 30.11.93 pic

1993 11 10

Recreation ground - cars barred 10 11 93 9a

-o-o- 1994 -o-o-

1994

Rev Frederick Kilner licensed as Priest-in-Charge, 31 Oct; Malcolm Raby licensed Team Vicar, Dec 23 people had taken services during interregnum, July 1993 to Oct 1994 [PCC]

1994

new bridges at Green End & Newmarket Road; Dimmock's Cote bridge strengthened

1994 02 03

Rectory to be residential centre for youth 3.2.94 9a

1994 02 09

Rectory to be residential youth centre plan – plan scrapped [EWN 9.2.1994 ES 17.3.1994]

1994 02 19

Rectory cash from East Cambs 19.2.94 5a

1994 04 29

Helpers wanted for new info centre 29.4.94 2f

1994 05 11

Summer concert raising cash for church 11.5.94 27g

1994 05 20

St James – repair delay as jackdaws next 20.5.94 26b pic

1994 06 08

War history comes to life – Mike Petty with Japanese mothers [cutt]

1994 06 23

Mill View house for sale – price £155,000 [CEN 23.6.1994]

1994 08 31

St James concert – 31.8.94 2b pic

1994 09 12

Sports hall plans backed 12.9.94 2c

1994 11 05

Valerie Beckum new house built after lorry ploughs in. 5-11-94 2b pix

1994 11 07

school resources centre opened [EWN 7.11.1994]

1994 11 16

Rectory: residential youth centre plan abandoned.16-11-94 2c pic

1994 11 17

New study and resource centre 17.11.94 2c pic

-o-o- 1995 -o-o-

1995

new play equipment installed on Recreation ground [PCAPM]

Hereward Housing Association take over council housing from East Cambs DC

East Cambs D.C. take responsibility for churchyard maintenance

1995 01 16

Sponsored aerobics for men only 16.1.95 23c pic, 20.1.95 2c

1995 01 12

William Goad GC – obituary, wartime activity – Times 12 Jan 1995 [cutt]

1995 01 26

Real-life issues make Jean favourite author – Jean Adamson [cutt]

1995 02 02

Brick drive for hall funds, 2.2.95 2d pic

1995 02 13

Valentines disco 13.2.95 3a

1995 03 06

Plans for 16 houses 6.3.95 8a

1995 04 03

2 Plans for new pavilion - row. 3-4-95 8g

1995 04 11

Row over siting of pavillion 11.4.95 2c

1995 06 10

Weekend Homemaker - Windmill 10.6.95 13 pix

1995 06 12

Devils Dyke Morris Men 12.6.95 23a

1995 06 13

Sports & fun day 13-6-95 2c

1995 06 15

Jesus College choir in concert 15.6.95 17a

1995 06 27

£10,000 from East Cambs DC for play area 27.6-95 2c

1995 06 28

sports & fun day attended by Jean Adamson 28-6-95 24g

1995 07 25

Hilda Robinson retires 25-7-95 21d pic

1995 07 26

Primary school childrens disco for sports pavilion 26-7-95 9a

1995 08 01

Gravestones smashed - churchwardens plea to vandals 1-8-95 2f pix

1995 09 05

Church: flower festival & art exhn 5-9-95 8g

1995 10 13

Crossways Garage sale [CEN 13.10.1995]

1995 12 05

church carol concert w congregational items' 5-12-95 8a

-o-o- 1996 -o-o-

Rectory to be home for Autistic Adults [SB113 PCC]

Church Loop system installed [PCC]

new all-weather sports surface and pavilion opened on Recreation Ground

village enhancement scheme drawn up involving repaving around the cross, changes to entrance to Pump Lane & at Sun Corner, new lights, removal of overhead cables [PCAPM]

Pastoral scheme for dissolution of parish of Stretham with Thetford & creation of new benefice of Ely parishes of St Mary, Chettisham St Peter & Prickwillow & parishes of Stretham, Lt Thetford & Stuntney with team ministry; Rectory to be disposed of [PCC]

1996 01 23

School OFSTED report [SB57 ES 23.1.1997]

1996 01 23

Plans for bungalow 23.1.96 25a

1996 02 05

Globe trotting teddy. 5-2-96 12f

1996 02 12

Valentine disco 12.2.96 2c pic

1996 02 17

Paul Smith appeal for help for this years village festival 17.02.96 9g

1996 03 09

Scene stealer walk 9.3.96 map/pic

1996 03 14

Cleaning up village 14.3.96 2c

1996 05 08

Play area facelift 8-5-96 2g pic

1996 05 08

Feast: residents urged to support it or lose it 8.5.96 20d

1996 05 10

Junior youth club opens 10.5.96 2c pic

1996 05 15

£300,000 development at school 15.5.96 2c

1996 05 15

Sport and rec centre opens 15.5.96 11a pic

1996 05 16

Old Rectory could be converted into home for autism 16.5.96 2g; leader 16.5.96 6a; public meeting 15.6.96 2g

1996 06 11

Summer Ball 11.6.96 2c pic E/F

1996 06 18

Sports & fun day 18-6-96 15g

1996 06 19

Hazel Court fete 19-6-96 2g pic

1996 06 19

OLD RECTORY now see HEALTH – AUTISM

1996 07 10

Teas at Junipers 10.7.96 18g

1996 07 24

Vicar launches friendship scheme 24.7.96 Leader 24.7.96 6a

1996 08 06

Cream teas at Junipers 6.8.96 2cpic

1996 08 16

Plans for youth parish councillors 16.8.96 Leader 16.8.96 6a

1996 09 09

Closed circuit tv could be installed at church after spate of attacks by youngsters 9.9.96 2c pic

1996 09 10

Festival of fun. 10-9-96 2b pic

1996 09 23

Festival frolics 23.9.96 1bpic E/F

1996 10 07

Stretham Engine Trust - £10,000 for repairs 7.10.96 1g

1996 10 22

Elsbeth Bright -sponsored parachute jump for playgroup 22.10.96 2g E/F

1996 10 24

Hilda Robinson retires. 24-10-96

1996 11 11

Medieval Fayre 11.11.96 2g

1996 11 27

Book Week 27-11-96 2g pic

1996 11 30

Robert Stanley Petty obituary [cutt]

1996 12 09

Plans for Youth parish Council 9.12.96 2c

1996 12 12

21st anniversary of sheltered housing scheme 12.12.96 2c pic

-o-o- 1997 -o-o-

1997

East Cambs. local plan reports that between 1991 & 1996 there were 70 housing completions with a further 27 unimplemented consents. It was designated a group settlement to allow small housing groups & infill only

church clock overhauled [PCC]

celebration for 775 years of the church in Stretham [PCC]

1997 01 20

E/F Inspectors report 20.1.97

1997 02 04

Mike Petty talk 4.2.97 13a

1997 02 15

Village set for a feast of fun: 775th anniversary St James Church [CNC]

1997 02 13

Police asked to step up patrols re late night noise. 13-2 97 [CNC]

1997 02 17

Celebrating 775th anniversary of church 15. 2.97 6f

1997 02 17

£2,000 grant for churchyard facelift 17.2.97 2c - scan CNC

1997 03 11

Auction of goods & promises 11-3-97 2g pic

1997 04 30

Maypole fun revived by Tiddlywinks Playgroup 30.4.97 3a CNC

1997 05 13

Lack of support for Youth Parish Council 13.5.97 3bE/F Leader 13.5.97 6a – scan CNC

1997 05 16

Feast 16.5.97 21a

1997 05 20

Feast 20.5.97 2c pic Annabel Gillett, Emma Ford, Charlotte Hall, Alice Davenport & Amy Cowell – scan CNC

1997 05 21

Church 775th anniversary to be celebrated with Jacobean Feast 21-5-97 2c CNC

1997 05 29

Medieval fayre at school - Viking invasion 29.5.97 1a pic – Paul Smith & Julie Speck, 4-6-97 15a, 5.6.97 2dc pic, 12.6.97 3a – scan CNC

1997 06 05

Village set for epic event – children produce Noah's Flood – pic – cast members CNC

1997 06 16

Rectory - James Paice MP praises plans to convert into home for autistic adults; will bring abandoned building back into use. 16-6-97 2c – scan CNC

1997 06 18

Church: Vikings help celebrate 775th anniversary of the church 18-6-97 2g pic cast – scan CNC

1997 06 30

Row over dumping of dredge waste on river bank opposite Fish and Duck by Environment Agency 30-97 2c pic – Sue Kiernan scan CNC

1997 07 05

Jean Adamson profile – CEN 6 Jul 1997 [cutt]

1997 08 12

New role for farm 13 12.78.97 13a

1997 08 26

Church 775th anniv - flower & art festival 26-8-97 9a

1997 09 12

Village gets set to bloom – pic – Norah Wilkins – scan CNC

1997 09 17

WI collage of 75 years village history; tapestry directed by Angela Fordham. Pic – needlewomen, neg 7273.97.21. scan CNC

1997 09 18

Haven plan for church forges on – wildlife haven in churchyard – pic – Malcolm Raby scan CNC

1997 09 24

Church: 'living churchyard' work revealed forgotten ancient tomb. Churchyard hit by vandals in August and two goats and sheep that were keeping weeds down had to be returned to animal refuge. 24-9-97 2c – scan CNC

1997 09 24

Festival: start planning next years 24-9-97 3a

1997 10 24

Plans for pathway through churchyard 24.10.97 8g CNC

-o-o- 1998 -o-o-

1998

Rev Malcolm Raby appointed priest-in-charge, Over [PCC]

1998

new path constructed in churchyard [PCC]

1998

Rectory converted into Juniper House, home for Autistic Adults

1998

Church floodlighting [PC]

1998

Holt Fen new footbridge opened, August

1998

former Swans shop plans for conversion into houses [PC]

1998 01 22

Bridge plan welcomed – Holt Fen CNC

1998 01 28

Publicity stunt - Batman robbing village butcher in run-up to annual village panto 28.1.98

1998 02 11

Stretham Players and Batman pic –Julie Speck, Jessica Fordham, James Seymour scan CNC, 98 02 11d

1998 05 12

Feast Day 12.5.98 2c CNC

1998 05 08

Feast day fam 1 8-5.98 1a pic

1998 05 18

Villagers make a feast out of a day – pic – Belles of St Trinians around Jean Adamson CNC

1998 05 20

New railing for gardens 20.5.98 14a

1998 05 28

Football club auction 28.5-98 1b pic – David Jeal CNC

1998 06 11

Looking at traffic island costs in Newmarket Road 11.6.98 9a

1998 06 11

Hard graft but worth it: village action day in churchyard – pic young people helping out – scan CNC

1998 06 11

Churchyard cleaned up on action day 11.6.98 2d pic

1998 06 25

cash for church lighting 25.6.98 27a CNC

1998 06 29

Row re caravans could go to legal action – David Boswell 29.6.98 13a CNC

1998 08 18

Recreation ground - balls warning - par cl not responsible 18-8-98 7a

1998 08 21

Juniper House, first home for adults with autism, to open; promoted by Owen and Maggie Spencer-Thomas. Named after a 13th-century monk in Italy, the first to be diagnosed with autism. They had a tapestry made for the entrance hall [cut]

1998 08 28

Autistic adults' home on show: 300 people visited the building restored by the East Anglian Autistic Support Trust (East) in conjunction with Hereward Housing Association. To welcome its first 12 residents in October. Pictured with a tapestry [cut]

1998 09 17

Church action day 17.9.98 11a CNC

1998 12 10

Plans for historical guide for Millennium 10.12.98 3b – scan CNC

-o-o- 1999 -o-o-

1999

Rev John Sansom licensed as team Vicar responsible Stretham & Thetford [PCC]

1999 01 13

Par Cllrs want to hear about any trouble 13-1-99 19f CNC

1999 02 01

Rev. John Samsom installed . 1-2-99 2b PIC

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1999 05 10

Annual feast 10-5-99 7a 17.5.99 3b pix

1999 05 17

Villagers enjoy the fun – feast – pics WI ladies, Busy Beavers float, Nikita Rutterford, CNC

1999 06 03

Lack of councillors halt parish meeting, only seven, no chairman present CNC

1999 09 09

Flower and paintings festival has floral character. Pic Jean Anderson neg 363899-34 – scan CNC

1999 11 11

Villagers lead way on path to success – opening Wakefield's Way – pic – Charles Roberts, Bill Wakefield, Shona Johnstone scan CNC

1999 12 20

Caribbean revellers feelin' hot – pic Charles Roberts, Laura Roberts, Claire Morgan, Niall Pearcey CNC

-o-o-2000-o-o-

2000 04 15

Full steam ahead for unique engine; today is public attraction along with stoker's cottage, bookstall and children's trail; open Sundays and Bank Holidays. pic Owen Jakes neg 3458M-7 CNC

2000 08 07

£20,000 for parish rooms – ECDC grant for toilets and noisy and inefficient heating system. Will cover 75 per cent of cost. £4,550 will come from church council and £5,000 still to be raised. CNC

2000 08 22

Bike track glass cut our son, say parents – pic – Jamie Setchell CNC

2000 10 16

All smiles at Stretham – pic residents in front church CNC

Village spotlight – pic of school and residents Jean Adamson, Mike Petty, Edris Tildesley with Samuel Dunkley, Katie Spilsbury & Bridie Youngman, John Kisby, Ernie Collins, John Morley CNC

-o-o-2001-o-o-

2001 10 18

Five-bed luxury home just the ticket for railway enthusiasts – Stretham station converted into luxury home by Jeff and Beverley Stevens; have spent 12 months living in caravan while they restored it. The ticket office and waiting room had been locked up since station made redundant in 1963. Now the ticket office is a study, the waiting room with the original open fire and mantelpiece is playroom for their four children. Had four reception rooms, two bathrooms, seven stables, two barns and a menage and on sale for £249,950. pic – station, Beverley Stevens, neg 0009722 CNC

-o-o-2002-o-o-

Wild west is comin' yer way – play with music by Ken Ellis; pic – Alison Goad, Helen Taylor, Barbara Gray CNC

2002 06 24

Change to air library views CNC

-o-o-2003-o-o-

Projects win £25,000 cash boost – includes Stretham engine CNC

2003 11 20

-o-o-2004-o-o-

Development looms – 23 homes for key workers alongside private housing on farmyard site in Newmarket Road by Dudley Developments; objections CNC

2002 08 16

Church may gain from sale of hall – church hall could be sold or leased to parish council CNC

2003 11 20

Stretham Engine awarded grant by Wren, landfill tax. To be used to restore chimney and scoop wheel. CNC

-o-o-2004-o-o-

2004 01 06

A housing scheme with most of the homes available solely for key workers looks set to be approved. The development on a former farmyard in Stretham will be the first of its kind in the district to offer housing for key workers alongside private housing. Twenty of the 28 homes – 13 two-bed and 15 three-bed – will be for key workers. Homes have been designed to reflect the character of neighbouring houses. ECDC officers say 'This proposal provides good use of a derelict

farmyard providing much-needed key-worker housing. The scheme has been designed to enhance the character of the village. There have been a number of objections. Meadowcroft residents are concerned and Stretham Parish Council think access on this stretch of the A1123 is extremely dangerous. CNC

2004 09 01

Community hall plan is scrapped – council rejects house bid on site church hall. Kit would have led to loss of valuable community facility. Nic Williams had launched a petition and obtained 353 signatures. Parochial Church Council said the application had been submitted to establish the value of the property which it hopes to sell or lease to the Parish Council. CNC

2004 11 08

Council rejects housing plan for four houses at rear Orchard House by WRB Restoration and Development CNC

-o-o-2005-o-o-

2005 02 09

Highways officials do a U-turn: speed restriction measures scrapped on Newmarket Road; a mini-roundabout was due to have been introduced as part of a development of 28 new homes together with gateways, flashing signs and enhanced road markings. Most of the homes already built and the 14 key workers homes were urgently required. CNC

-o-o-2007-o-o-

2007 06 21

Mother charged with murdering daughters, Kumari-Baker CWN [cutt]

-o-o-2008-o-o-

2008 01 30

Historic B&B – Stoker's Cottage at Engine CNC

2008 11 24

Bells continue to ring after £199,000 refurbishment with new bell-ringing platform. Some of the pews have been removed to provide flexible spaces for worship and other activities while two toilets and a kitchen have been fitted. The tower floor has been lowered to allow disabled access and part of the church screened off to make a meeting room. The project was funded by the sale of the church hall to the parish council to be used as a village hall. The first new venture is 'Little Bears' for mothers and carers with babies and small children. Pic – Vicar Pauline Scott - neg 52247 CNC

-o-o-2009-o-o-

2009

Standard bearers tribute to Legion stalwart – Geoff Russell [cutt]

2009 09 08

I've killed the kids – headline CN [cutt]

2009 09 22

Murder – mother guilty – CN [cutt]

2009 09 22

Jean Adamson hurt in terrifying attack – [cutt]

-o-o- 2011 -o-o-

2011 02 10

Thieves wreck hall stealing pipework – Church Hall all the piping has been ripped out and they've vandalised the place as they went about it. The hall is used by almost everybody – the W.I., Stretham Players, local karate group ... ballet, line dancing and much more. We've now got to rip up all the wooden flooring and wait for the building to dry out. The Parish Council bought the building about three years ago for the whole community to use. District councillor Bill Hunt said 'The money came after much discussion from the local council tax payers. – pic – hall interior
CNC

2011 04 29

Village gets set to serve up its annual feast CNC

2011 09 13

Brothers Ashley and Luke Yardy drowned at Kingfisher Bridge – 2011 09 13 [scan]

-o-o- 2012 -o-o-

2012 09 15

Gary Murfitt wedding, meets US President George Bush senior – CEN 15 Sep 2012 [cutt]

-o-o- 2013 -o-o-

2013 06 29

fire destroys barns at Masters Logistics, Ely Road – 2013 08 24 CN [scan]

2013 05 17

Couple fed up of sewage problems – photo – Richard & Brenda Sired live in Sanctuary Housing in Brook Lane ... both disabled and cannot do anything about the leaks which have flooded their bathroom floor. The problems have been going on for the 20 years they have lived in their bungalow CEN

2013 06 29

Inferno sparked by burning rubbish – industrial warehouse, Ely Road [scan]

2013 08 24

Chaos as two water mains burst within same week, MJP photo [scan]

-o-o-2014-o-o-

[Stories listed on Cambridge News website; first is]

2014 02 22 p65

... the A1123 was closed in Stretham following a two vehicle crash ...

2014 02 26 p8

... innovative plans to build 50 homes and a doctor's surgery ...

2014 03 01 p10

Rachel Elizabeth Mason, nee Gillet ... formerly of Stretham passed away ...

2014 03 04 p26

... at Newmarket Road, Stretham is an unusual terraced property ...

2014 03 24 p38

... that a drain needed for Stretham council houses should run inside the recreation ground and join up ...

2014 04 07 p33

... have been rubberstamped. However villagers at Stretham and Wilburton will continue to fight proposals ...

2014 04 07 p10

... [Tina Fell] at Stretham community primary school for almost three decades said goodbye to colleagues ... retiring

2014 04 16 p19

... Berry Green farm passed peacefully away aged 92 years ...

2014 04 18 p13

Another solar farm in pipeline ... another mammoth solar farm could be on its way to the village of Stretham ...

2014 06 07 p8

... emergency services including the East Anglian Air Ambulance were called to Cambridge Road, Stretham ...

2014 06 03 p17

Stretham youth centre has formally opened its doors after refurbishment, Janet Parish ...

2014 06 12 p13

... of Top Street admitted possession of a class A drug

2014 06 19 p16

... wants to open new recording studios in Stretham Road ...

2014 06 19 p18

... of thanks to this year's Stretham Feast parade ...

2014 07 19 p8

... crews extinguished a blaze in the roof of a bungalow in Green End, Stretham ...

2014 07 29 p10

... farm in Cambridge Road Stretham. The plan which has been lodged with ECDC ...

2014 07 30 p12

... for Stretham are opposed by protestors who say wind farms destroy peace and tranquillity but we do ...

2014 08 01 p5

... a trip to Hannams Wake near Stretham to find out about wakeboarding ...

2014 08 13 p4

Plans to erect two wind turbines at Stretham have been ... [turned down]

2014 09 01 p9

Peoples health. Dr Pamela Kenny a GP at Haddenham and Stretham from 1986 until 2006 and currently

2014 09 13 p19

The 14th-century cross at Stretham is in danger of collapsing

2014 09 25

Ellee Seymour writes 'Shopgirls' book [cutt]

-o-o-2015-o-o-

2015 04 02

Red Lion: new chapter for Pages, take over as licensee [cutt]

2015 10 27

On the River Old West at the Lazy Otter. She was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay costs of 250

2015 12 11 p16

Samsung donates equipment Stretham youth

2015 12 19 p44

At Stretham surprising and cheerful festive giant minions

-o-o-2016-o-o-

2016 01 16 p76

Sport enthusiasts in Stretham area are celebrating a new all-weather pitch has opened in village

2016 06 28 p4

Reports of two vehicle collision on the A10 at Stretham

2016 08 04 p6

John Froggett, 24 killed in a serious accident on the A10 near Stretham

-o-o-2017-o-o-

2017 01 12 p50

Demolition of the existing dwelling, garage and outbuilding at Meadow Farm, Fieldside

2017 05 25 p8

Similar to the one that has been built at Stretham. But Cambridge city council daid

2017 07 11 p2

On projects including the development at Manor Farm, Stretham which involves a public-private partnership

2017 10 16 p10

William Richard Dick Gill passed away tragically

2017 10 31 p13

Experiences found them at the Stretham Old Engine Museum. Mr Jones aid in their engine room there's something

2017 11 09

A new deputy mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has been appointed following the resignation of Huntingdonshire's Robin Howe. The county's combined authority announced on Wednesday that Councillor Charles Roberts was to become the new deputy mayor, just days after Councillor Howe announced he was standing down. Cllr Howe who represents Upwood and the Raveleys, said his resignation was a "private matter" and was not prepared to expand on his reasons

for leaving the cabinet. He said he would continue to serve as a district councillor and was considering standing for election again next year but had not made up his mind whether to do so. Cllr Roberts, currently leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, was selected by the mayor, James Palmer. Mr Palmer said: "Charles served as my deputy during my time as leader at East Cambridgeshire District Council so I'm fully aware of his talents and record of delivery. "We worked extremely well together as leader and deputy and I am hopeful that we will be able to build upon this record of achievement to deliver for the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Whilst sad to see Robin Howe leave the cabinet, I'm extremely confident about what the new cabinet can achieve working together over the next three and a half years."

Cllr Roberts added: "It's a great honour to have been chosen to be the new deputy mayor. Like the mayor, I was born and have lived my entire life in the county. I'm extremely proud of our area and its huge potential for the future. "As the leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council I will continue to be fully focused on delivering for all residents across the district. However, in addition to this, I welcome the opportunity to play a key role in supporting the mayor as he seeks to turn his ambitious and visionary plans for the entirety of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough into reality." Ely Standard

-o-o-2018-o-o-

2018 04 06 p11

Closed off a stretch of the A10 to deal with the incident near Stretham

2018 08 19 Cambs Times

By election likely in East Cambridgeshire after second councillor set to join Mayor Palmer's combined authority in 'politically sensitive' role. A Tory county councillor and former British diplomat is set to force a by election after only a year in office to take on a £100,000 directorship of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Councillor Paul Raynes - who is also a deputy chairman of the SE Cambridgeshire Conservative - has been offered the post of director of strategy and planning. His job offer is thought to have been made after only a handful of candidates applied for the job - that offers a salary up to a potential £130,000 a year - and his name was put forward by mayor James Palmer and his deputy Councillor Charles Roberts.

The authority is anxious to recruit the staff needed to forge ahead with its ambitious programme - nearly half of the 60 staff currently on the payroll are either consultants, holding interim positions or on secondment. One member of the combined authority told me tonight: "I wasn't involved in the process but I understand his name was added at the short listing meeting by the mayor and Cllr Roberts, the East Cambs leader and deputy mayor." My source said: "He did not appear to go through the same process as other applicants - and only two were later interviewed by a panel of three, including the mayor and his deputy".

If confirmed it will mean it is the second time Mayor Palmer has recruited an East Cambridgeshire councillor to a role within the combined authority: last year he took on Tom Hunt as his chief of staff. That also meant a by election.

Cllr Raynes was reluctant to talk about his appointment when I called him tonight at his Isleham home. The father of four returned a call after I left a voicemail but after accepting a suggestion that I call him back after he complained of a poor signal the phone repeatedly went to voice mail. When he stood for the Soham North and Isleham division last year he described his wide experience as embracing both business and public service. He is currently a director of a tech company. Cllr Raynes says he has worked with councils across the country on transport, economic development and planning. He has also been an adviser to the government on transport issues, and was a member of a government review of public libraries. A Conservative election official last year described him as a diplomat who was in post at the British Embassy in Paris at the time of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The election official said: "Paul is campaigning for better local transport links, especially upgrading the A10, an improved junction between the A142 and A14, and the return of a railway station to Soham, together with the line improvements needed to run good connections through to Ely and

Cambridge. "He wants to put his business and management experience to ensure better value for taxpayers' money and a more efficient county council."

A senior Conservative councillor in East Cambridgeshire confirmed to me tonight that he expected Cllr Raynes to resign because of the "politically sensitive" role he had been offered with the combined authority. The councillor said in due course applicants from within the Tory party would be invited to apply for the vacant seat ahead of a by election. My combined authority source added: "There are definite governance and probity issues about the process. Partly because of the holidays, combined authority members only have it second hand and the employment committee has operated without reporting or requiring specific confirmation except statutory posts - other than it would be expected that the appointment would be reported to the next board meeting in mid September."

On his Linked In profile – a website for professionals – Cllr Raynes describes himself as a "thought leader, influencer and communicator in economic, education, localism and welfare reform issues, with strong senior leadership experience across public and private sectors and broad experience of leading change. "I've influenced policy innovation from Free Schools to City Deals and delivered real-world improvements from better exam results to buzzier libraries.

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The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority announced tonight they are looking into a "potential data protection breach" over the leaking of the appointment of a county councillor to a £100,000 director's role. The authority insists the recruitment of Councillor Paul Raynes of Soham – elected only last year but now obliged to quit to take up the directorship – was fair and in accordance with their employment procedures.

An authority spokesman said: "The facts are that Paul Raynes applied via an independent recruitment advisor, was at no point deselected from the interview process and was recruited as a result of a unanimous panel decision. You will no doubt be aware that he has now resigned from his councillor position. We would like also to make you aware that the combined authority is looking into a potential data protection breach relating to the way in which information regarding the recruitment process was communicated to you."

Yesterday the authority rebutted the claim that Cllr Raynes had been eliminated from the selection process following an assessment panel that included Councillor Kevin Price of Cambridge City Council. The statement said: "The panel on which Cllr Raynes sat gave its input as just one part of several assessments which fed into an overall process to make a final decision: meaning Paul Raynes did not exit the process."

Karl Fenlon, interim head of HR at the combined authority, said: "We conducted an open and competitive recruitment process in accordance with the requirements of both our constitution and our employment committee. All applications were made to an independent, national, recruitment advisor: no direct applications were considered. The recruitment advisors provided a list of applicants for this position to be position to the employment panel, as approved by the employment committee. Candidates were then long-listed by the panel before attending a series of assessments."

Mr Fenlon said Cllr Price took part in these assessments before a number of candidates were short listed by the employment panel. "This list of candidates attended a final interview with the employment sub-committee which reached a decision on the preferred candidate." Mr Fenlon said: "The director roles were advertised in the recruitment pages of the Telegraph, Times and Guardian websites, plus LinkedIn. "The employment sub committee comprised of the mayor, deputy mayor Charles Roberts, and Cllr Ryan Fuller with chief executive Martin Whitely in attendance as an observer. They were supported by the external recruitment advisor."

Mayor James Palmer had earlier been accused of running "an old boys club" following the revelation that Cllr had been offered the job.

The criticism came from Councillor Price, until last month deputy leader of Labour controlled Cambridge City Council and a member of the combined authority. He rebuked Mayor Palmer for offering the post of strategy and planning director to Cllr Raynes. Cllr Price was part of an assessment panel interviewing candidates and said that "after interviewing Councillor Raynes we reached the unanimous conclusion that he would not be a suitable candidate and that was our recommendation. It is therefore very surprising that this appointment has now been made. It must also be a concern that once again, the combined authority has made an appointment from the East

Cambs area. In my view an elected serving member of a constituent authority of the combined authority should not be able to apply for a senior level and politically restricted officer post on that authority. Where that person also has a clear history of involvement at a high level with a political party dating back many years and is the current vice chair of the mayor's own local Conservative association it is difficult to understand how anyone can have confidence in him in a politically restricted post."

Cllr Price said: "The mayor already has political advisors, one of whom (Tom Hunt) was at the time of his appointment a serving councillor in East Cambs and who was immediately given a significant pay hike and new job title. The combined authority has an important job to do across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough but it is opening itself to the criticism that it is instead fast becoming an old boys club based solely on the whims of a single political party and a single constituent member of the authority."

Lib Dem Councillor Lucy Nethsingha said: "I have asked for information about how the appointment was made, his salary and his qualifications for this role."

The leader of Cambridge City Council called for Mayor Palmer to be more open about the selection process. Cllr Herbert, who is also the combined authority's portfolio holder for strategic planning, said: "Along with others, I have real concerns about aspects of the combined authority's recent senior recruitment process. On the appointment of Councillor Raynes the mayor has said that he didn't personally prompt the application. However, I ask him to be open more widely, including in Paul Raynes' interest, to be clear about the stage Paul Raynes joined the application process, and the specific route that application followed."

Mayor Palmer "totally rejected" the notion that he or his deputy, Councillor Charles Roberts, also the leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, had personally put forward Paul Raynes for the role of director for strategy and planning "in contravention of the standard recruitment process. The first I knew of his application was seeing his submitted CV, as with all the other applicants."

The mayor said: "I also completely reject reports that suggest that myself, Cllr Roberts and the combined authority have acted improperly in this recruitment process. "Our processes are open, fair and competitive and Paul Raynes was selected purely on merit and based on the impressive and highly relevant experience he has. I believe that process has resulted in an appointment which will be a huge asset to the combined authority."

Mayor Palmer added: "His new role is a politically restricted officer post and he will therefore be stepping down as a councillor, as is quite right in cases such as this."

Mayor Palmer said Cllr Price had made his comments "from the perspective of just one part of a much wider interview process, as is appropriate for a position of this importance". The mayor said: "In his interview with myself, Cllr Roberts and the combined authority chief executive, Mr Raynes performed very impressively. The final stage of the process required him to go before the combined authority employment sub committee, which included myself, Cllr Roberts and Cllr Ryan Fuller. Unfortunately Labour did not put forward a representative to attend the sub committee at that particular meeting."

Mayor Palmer added: "Mr Raynes' experience both in local and national government, as well as his work across public and private sectors were highly relevant to the role at the combined authority. During his many years at The Local Government Association, he had a direct involvement in the campaign for greater devolution, which led to metro mayors and combined authorities, so his knowledge, experience and understanding of the position are excellent. Mr Raynes has a wealth of talent and experience to offer and the reality is that he was the exceptional candidate in a strong field of applicants."

Cllr Roberts described Cllr Raynes as "exceptional" who would make a considerable contribution to the combined authority. He said Cllr Price sat in on only one part of the recruitment process in which Cllr Raynes came through to a short list of two prior to his appointment. The interviewees were screened by two separate panels and also assessed during a lunch attended by all applicants and councillors and recruitment advisors. Cllr Roberts said he was not aware until the last moment of the application by Cllr Raynes "but there was no way I wouldn't have seen him simply because he was a county councillor."

Councillor Price responded: "I remain of the view that where a panel set up to assess a candidate 'technically' unanimously rejects someone as unsuitable for a senior level post, that should weigh heavily against them, despite any more general interviews or how they get on with others at lunch. In my experience of attending other interviews for combined authority posts with both the mayor and deputy mayor, it has been my view that in depth knowledge and experience in the specific area of a post has been less valued than the ability to agree with the mayor and to look only to the mayor for a lead rather than serve the wider council membership of the Combined Authority."

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